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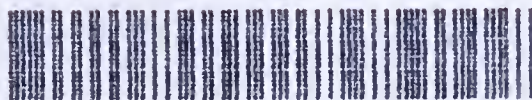
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Holy

Royal Arch Chapter

OF

PENNSYLVANIA.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MOST EXCELLENT

GRAND

Holy Royal Arch Chapter

OF

PENNSYLVANIA,

AND MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING,

For the Year Ending December 27th, 1880.

PHILADELPHIA:

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GRAND
HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, February 5th, A. D. 1880—A. I. 2410.

PRESENT.

Comp. WILLIAM C. HAMILTON,	. . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
" HIBBERT P. JOHN,	. . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
" AUGUSTUS R. HALL,	. . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
" THOMAS R. PATTON,	. . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON,	. . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

Past Grand High Priests.—Companions PERKINS, GRISCOM, MEYER and WAGNER.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.—Companions JOHN SLINGLUFF, FRED. W. LAUER, ABRAHAM K. WHITNER and BERNARD E. LEHMAN.

Representatives of Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 52, 91, 152, 162, 166, 169, 175, 183, 186, 189, 190, 193, 196, 198, 208, 216, 220, 226, 229, 231, 232, 233, 234, 240, 243, 248, 250, 251, 258.

Grand Chapter opened in ancient and solemn form at 6 o'clock and 20 minutes, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held November 6th, 1879, and the Grand Communication, held December 27th, 1879, were severally read and approved.

By-Laws were received from Chapter No. 170, and Amendments to By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 52 and 225, and were referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

Communications from Chapter No. 186, appointing Chas. A. Zerbe its Proxy, and from Chapter No. 196, appointing Abraham K. Whitner its Proxy, were received, and the Companions acknowledged as such.

Communication from Chapter No. 192, asking for a reduction of dues, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

General returns for 1879 were received from Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 159, 162, 163, 165, 169, 170, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 185, 186, 187, 193, 195, 196, 197, 199, 200, 203, 205, 207, 208, 212, 213, 214, 215, 217, 218, 219, 225, 226, 227, 228, 230, 235, 236, 240, 241, 243, 244, 247, 248, 252, 257, 258, 259.

Ordered to be entered and filed.

Committee on By-Laws made the following report, which was, on motion, accepted, and the report adopted:

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:

Your Committee on By-Laws having carefully examined the By-Laws referred to them, beg leave respectfully to report the following:

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 170 be amended by striking out the letter "H" in the title of Chapter, Art. I, and, as thus amended, they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 52, 161, 225 and 250, and Mark Lodge No. 214, be approved.

Fraternally yours,

J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
Chairman.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 5, 1880, A. I. 2410.

The Grand Treasurer, Comp. Thos. R. Patton, reported that he had purchased for the account of the Grand Chapter \$1000 of the New Masonic Temple Redemption Loan.

The amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, which were laid over, were then taken up for consideration.

The amendment to Sec. 1, Art. III, was read.

Companion HENRY R. COULOMB moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of this amendment, as also the proposed amendment to Sec. 1 of Art. IV. The motion to postpone was lost.

The proposed amendment to Sec. 1, Art. IV, was considered. Companion JOHN I. BEGGS moved to amend the amendment by inserting after the word "Thursday" the words "following the first Wednesday," and by striking out the word "first" in the second line of the Section, which was adopted.

The amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

The amendment to Sec. 1 of Art. III, was again considered and adopted.

The amendments to Sec. 5 of Art. VIII, and to Sec. 3 of Art. IX, were adopted.

The amendment to Sec. 1 of Art. VII, was read.

Companion WM. F. MILLER moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the amendment, which was lost. Companion ALEX. H. MORGAN moved to refer the proposed amendments to Art. VII to a Committee of five Past Grand High Priests, to report at the next Communication. The motion to refer was lost.

The amendment to Sec. 3 of Art. VII was read, and the vote being taken on the adoption of the amendment, it was lost.

The amendment to Sec. 1 of Art. VII was again considered, and was lost.

Companion LOUIS WAGNER moved that, as by the adoption of several of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, the time of the meetings of the Grand Chapter is changed, it is understood that the next Quarterly Communication shall be held in the month of June next, which was agreed to.

Companion CHAS. E. MEYER, P. G. High Priest, moved that a Committee of Three be appointed to prepare a list of the members of the Grand Chapter at the present time, which motion was agreed to, and the M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions CHAS. E. MEYER, J. ALEX. SIMPSON and JOHN THOMSON that Committee.

The Grand Officers then exemplified the Degree of a Mark Master Mason.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced that at the June Communication he would exemplify the Work of the Most Excellent Master Mason's Degree.

The Grand Chapter closed in peace at 10 o'clock and 25 minutes, P. M.

JOHN THOMSON,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, June 3d, A. D. 1880.—A. I. 2410.

PRESENT.

Comp. WM. C. HAMILTON, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
" HIBBERT P. JOHN, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
" AUGUSTUS R. HALL, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
" THOMAS R. PATTON, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

Past Grand High Priests.—Companions THOMPSON, WOOD and NISBET.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.—JOHN SLINGLUFF, BERNARD E. LEHMAN and JOHN P. CLARK.

Representatives of Chapters Nos. 3, 52, 91, 152, 166, 169, 175, 181, 183, 186, 190, 207, 208, 216, 221, 222, 226, 232, 233, 234, 237, 238, 240, 243, 245, 248, 250, 255, 258.

Grand Chapter opened in ancient and solemn form at 7 o'clock.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held Feb. 5th, 1880, were read and approved.

By-Laws were received from Chapter No. 189, also Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 52, 209, 235, 243, 248, 255 and 258, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A communication from Chapter No. 256, asking for a remission of dues, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A communication from Chapter No. 152, asking permission to receive a petition from Brother D—— C——, rejected in Chapter No. 217; also a communication from Chapter No. 217, objecting to the granting said petition.

On motion, it was resolved that the prayer of the petition be denied.

A communication from Chapter No. 208, asking permission to receive a petition from Brother L—— S——, rejected in Chapter No. 233. As there was no evidence that notice had been given to Chapter No. 233, as required by Sec. 4 of Art. XIV of the Constitution, the M. E. Grand High Priest ruled the communication out of order.

A communication from Chapter No. 257, asking permission to receive a petition from Brother C—— A—— C——, rejected in Chapter No. 162, notice having been sent to that Chapter; as it did not appear that said Chapter had received notice, on motion, the communication was laid over until next meeting.

Communication was received and read from Chapters Nos. 169, 240, 248, 250 and 251, complaining of the want of accommodation and ventilation of the room occupied by them in the Temple. On motion of Companion CHAS. H. KINGSTON, the communication was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A petition from sundry Companions, praying for a Warrant for a Chapter to be located at Bradford, McKean county, Pa., was read. On motion, it was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

General returns for 1879 were received from Chapters Nos. 161, 164, 166, 167, 172, 173, 190, 191, 192, 194, 196, 202, 206, 210, 211, 220, 221, 233, 242, 246, 250, 253, 254 and 256.

Ordered to be entered and filed.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was received, and the resolution thereto attached was adopted, viz:

To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the communication of Chapter 192, asking for a remission of their dues for 1879, respectfully report, that they have examined the same and can find nothing to justify a favorable consideration of the said application, and offer the following:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the request of Chapter 192 for a remission of their dues for the year 1879.

CONRAD B. DAY,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
CHAS. W. PACKER,
CHAS. D. FREEMAN.

PHILADELPHIA, May 31st, 1880.

It being stated that the Grand Lodge, through its Finance Committee, had determined to exchange its loan, now outstanding as a six per cent. loan, and which, at the option of the Grand Lodge, is payable on the first day of September next, into a five per cent. loan, redeemable after ten years, and payable in twenty years, and requiring that the bonds to be exchanged shall be presented on or before the first day of July next to the Grand Secretary, on motion of Companion CONRAD B. DAY, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to have the bonds of the New Masonic Temple Loan, now held by the Grand Chapter, exchanged into the new five per cent. loan, to be issued September 1st, 1880.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, which was, on motion, accepted and the resolutions adopted, viz:

BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS: Your Committee on By-Laws having carefully examined the various By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws submitted to them, beg leave to offer the following resolutions, viz :

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws to Chapter No. 187 be amended, by striking out of Sec. 2 of Art. IV the words and figures, "sub-sections 3 and 4 of Sec. 8," and insert in their place the words and figures, "Sec. 63 and 64 of," and, as thus amended, said By-Laws be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 52, 209, 235, 243, 255 and 258 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,

Chairman.

The Grand Officers then exemplified the Work of the Most Excellent Master Mason's Degree.

The Grand Chapter closed in peace at 9 o'clock,
P. M.

JOHN THOMSON,

Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, September 2d, A. D. 1880.—A. I. 2410.

PRESENT.

Comp. WM. C. HAMILTON, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest,</i>
“ HIBBERT P. JOHN, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ AUGUSTUS R. HALL, , . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ THOMAS R. PATTON, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

Past Grand High Priests.—Companions THOMPSON, WOOD, PERKINS. NISBET and MEYER.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.—JOHN SLINGLUFF, ABRAHAM K. WHITNER, BERNARD E. LEHMAN, GEO. S. SNYDER.

Representatives of Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 169, 175, 183, 185, 190, 196, 201, 208, 216, 222, 223, 226, 232, 233, 234, 237, 240, 243, 245, 248, 251 and 258.

Grand Chapter opened in ancient and solemn form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held June 3d, were read and approved.

A communication was received and read from Chapter No. 208, asking for permission to act upon a petition from Brother L——S——, for the Chapter Degrees, he having been rejected in Chapter No. 233.

A protest from Chapter No. 233 against the granting of said petition was presented and read.

A motion was made and seconded that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Companion Fox moved to lay that motion on the table, which was lost.

The question recurring on the motion to grant the prayer of the petition, it was decided in the negative, so the permission was refused.

A communication was read from Chapter No. 257, asking for permission to act upon a petition for the Chapter Degrees, from Brother C——A——C——, a rejected applicant in Chapter No. 162, notice having been given to said Chapter; on motion, the prayer of the petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

An appeal was received from Companion —— ——, from the action of Chapter No. ——, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the decease of P. G. High Priest JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, since the last meeting of the Grand Chapter.

Companion P. G. High Priest CHAS. E. MEYER read the following memorial of our deceased Companion :

From the depths of the grave we are taught the bitterest lessons of life. The young rush impetuously forward into it and teach us its briefness; the middle aged walk proudly to its edge and are swallowed up in all the pomp and vanity of life; the old man totters slowly and cautiously to the brink and calmly lays himself down to rest at peace with God and man. Happy the man who can lay him down without regret and sleep and moulder to dust.

Standing in the presence of death with reverence we recite the story of the life of the departed, of how he lived, if his life was worth the living? has he left behind him a good name which is rather to be chosen than great riches.

We have heard to-night that a P. G. High Priest of Pennsylvania was dead. M. E. Companion JOSEPH R. CHANDLER died in this city on Saturday, July 10, 1880, aged 88 years. Personally, he was known to but few of the present members of this Grand Chapter; yet, by name, he was known the whole Masonic world over.

M. E. Companion JOSEPH R. CHANDLER was born in Kingston, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, in the year 1792.

He received the light of Masonry in Columbian Lodge of Boston, Mass., on Oct. 28, 1813, was crafted Nov. 4, 1813, and raised Jan. 6, 1814.

He removed to Philadelphia, about 1820, and affiliated with Phoenix Lodge, No. 130, on July 17, 1822, and was elected the Worshipful Master of the same, December, 1826.

He subsequently served as R. W. Junior Grand Warden, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. and A. M. He was one of the founders of Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91.

He was exalted in Harmony Chapter, No. 52, Philadelphia, on February 2, 1827, receiving the Degree of M. E. Master at the same time. He was elected High Priest in 1829, 1830, 1838. On November 18, 1833, he was elected M. E. Grand Scribe, followed by election as Grand King, on Nov. 17, 1834, and received the highest gift of the Grand Chapter November 16, 1835, in being elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and was honored by re-elections in 1836, 1837, 1838 and 1839.

While serving as Grand High Priest he was instructed by the Grand Chapter to prepare an address at the opening of the Grand Chapter in the new Hall (formerly Washington Hall, Third Street above Spruce Street, west side), with which instruction he complied on May 16, 1836, when he delivered a most appropriate and interesting address upon the duties, obligations and advantages of Royal Arch Masonry, which address was described as eloquent, able and dignified. It is to be regretted that copies of it are not now in the possession of the Grand Chapter.

In 1837 he constituted personally Reading Chapter, No. 152, at Reading, Pa., for which he prepared the form which is the basis of our present constituting ceremonies.

Shortly after the Grand Chapter became independent of the Grand Lodge, a communication was received from Companion Charles Gilman, General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, asking that Pennsylvania should unite with that body. It was mainly through the influence of Companion CHANDLER that the Grand Chapter refused to further consider the subject.

M. E. Companion CHANDLER was self-educated, and from humble life raised himself to the front rank as a journalist; he was charitable and humane, and foremost in all public philanthropic measures; as a Mason, he was one of our ablest orators, a skilful ritualist, a wise jurist, and a staunch warrior during the anti-Masonic excitement. To use his own words, he never lost an opportunity to set forth the excellencies of the Fraternity, the persecutions to which the Craft had been exposed, and with emphasis pointed to the duty of forbearance (even under the severest persecutions) towards the enemies of Masonry, and encouraged his Companions to a continuance in that course of virtue which had distinguished them thus far.

Such teachings he practiced down to the day of his death.

For reasons which it is not necessary now to state, he, for a number of years past, has not met with us within the tyled Lodge; yet it is with gratification we know his thoughts were often with us, and that, at the time of his death, he was the oldest member and Past Master of Phoenix Lodge, No. 130, the oldest Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. of Pennsylvania, the oldest Past Master of Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, the oldest Past High Priest of Harmony Chapter, and the oldest P. G. High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, holding his membership and being in good standing in all these bodies at the time the Grand High Priest above summoned him hence to His presence.

Having thus lived and died in Masonry, it is proper that this Grand Chapter

Resolves, That the M. E. Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, being impressed with eminent services rendered to Royal Arch Masonry by M. E. Companion P. G. High Priest JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, having heard, with sincere sorrow, of his death, direct that a suitable record be made of the same on the Minutes of this Grand Chapter.

Companion P. G. High Priest PERKINS, in a few feeling words, moved the adoption of the resolution, when Companion WILLIAM J. KELLY, rising to second the motion, made the following remarks:

M. E. Grand High Priest:

In arising to second the motion of P. G. High Priest PERKINS, I do so from a sense of duty to our deceased P. G. High Priest Companion Jos. R. CHANDLER, as well as to furnish to this Grand Chapter a leaf from history of the feelings and regard which our deceased Companion entertained for us after he had severed his active work with us. During the year 1864, while I was Worshipful Master of Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, a resolution was adopted directing the appointment of a committee to procure appropriate regalia for all the Past Masters of that Lodge. Jos. R. CHANDLER was the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and while he had not attended the meetings of the Lodge, yet the record showed he was in good standing, and consequently entitled, under the resolution above referred to, to be presented, as the others, with his regalia. Under common report the natural inference would be that Companion CHANDLER, having joined the Roman Catholic Church, he would not wish to accept a testimonial from the Masonic Fraternity. Not wishing to embarrass him with such a tender regard, unless he would feel at full liberty to accept, I wrote him of the action of the Lodge, asking his views regarding it. He sent a special messenger to invite me to his house, welcoming me with great cordiality and infinite grace, apologized for troubling me to call on him, and at once named to me the high honor he considered the Lodge had done him by their remembrance of him, and assured me he would receive the regalia with pleasure and treasure it with pride. He also took occasion to assure me he was still a Mason in full communion with us, and was only prevented paying us an occasional visit by the serious affliction of his eyes. He took the opportunity of saying that we could all appreciate the fact that, as a gentleman, when he embraced a faith which discountenanced our Order, he could not pretend to take an active part with us as before he joined, yet there was no further obligation than example to prevent him, and that only his bad eyesight prevented an occasional visit. He regretted exceedingly his inability to come to the Mark Lodge to personally receive his present, but begged me to present to his brethren his regrets.

He stated to me that while Minister to Rome he had taken occasion to call the attention of His Holiness Pius IX, to the difference between the Masonic Order of the United States and what passed for such in the Roman States, under the

name of Carbonari, and that he had every reason to believe he would have been successful in modifying the Pope's views, had not, unfortunately, a revolution broken out or been attempted, mainly through the effort of the latter society, which compelled him to desist for a time. Meantime he left the country and thus was lost the opportunity of enlightening the Pope by one who of all men was so eminently qualified to inform him. Companion CHANDLER closed the interview by assuring me he was a Free Mason, expected to live his life through in full affiliation with our Fraternity, and when his time came to go hence, that his standing with us would be unimpaired. Brother P. G. High Priest SAMUEL C. PERKINS was delegated to present the regalia to Brother CHANDLER, and I learn from him it was done. I desire to add one word in commendation of Companion P. G. High Priest CHAS. E. MEYER's memoire. It is chaste; it is true; it is complete. I, therefore, again second the motion for its adoption.

The resolution was then adopted.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania :

COMPANIONS: The Committee on Finance would respectfully report that they have given consideration of the application of Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246, for a remission of their dues for 1879, and would recommend that it is inexpedient to grant their request.

Respectfully submitted,

CONRAD B. DAY,
CHAS. D. FREEMAN,
CHAS. W. PACKER,
JOHN CURTIS.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 28, 1880.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, on behalf of the Grand Officers to whom had been referred the communication from sundry Chapters meeting in the Temple, reported that the Grand Lodge had authorized the Temple Committee to make such alterations

in Oriental Hall as would furnish the necessary accommodation ; on motion of Companion WM. J. KELLY it was resolved that the Grand Officers act with the Temple Committee in the fitting up of the room for the use of the Chapters. The M. E. Grand High Priest then exemplified the Work of the Royal Arch Degree.

The Grand Chapter closed in peace at 10 o'clock,
P. M.

JOHN THOMSON,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Dec. 2d, A. D. 1880.—A. I. 2410.

PRESENT.

Comp. Wm. C. HAMILTON, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
" HIBBERT P. JOHN, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
" AUGUSTUS R. HALL, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
" THOMAS R. PATTON, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

Past Grand High Priests.—Companions THOMPSON, WOOD, PERKINS, NISBET, MEYER, ROBENO and WAGNER.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.—HENDERSON, LEHMAN, COX, SLINGLUFF, SNYDER, CODDING, SHIDLE, TURNER, CLARK, WORRELL, WHITNER.

Representatives of Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 161, 162, 164, 166, 169, 171, 173, 175, 176, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 186, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 195, 196, 198, 200, 201, 208, 216, 222, 223, 224, 226, 229, 231, 232, 233, 234, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 247, 248, 250, 251, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 260.—(62).

P. G. High Priest Companion WM. H. JEFFERYS, of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, honored the Grand Chapter with his presence.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ancient and solemn form at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held Sept. 2d last, were read and approved.

A copy of By-Laws was received from Chapter No. 224, and Amendments to the By-Laws from Chapters Nos. 169 and 260. Referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

Communications were received from Chapters Nos. 169, 232 and 240 for permission to remove to Oriental Hall in the Temple.

Companion J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a removal from one room to another in the same building does not require the approval of this Grand Chapter.

Communications were received from the following Chapters, certifying of the appointment of the following Companions as their Proxies:

Chapter No. 162,	Comp. CHAS. C. BAER.
" " 176,	" HENRY S. STONER.
" " 179,	" JOSEPH ALEXANDER, Jr.
" " 185,	" ASA B. STEVENS.
" " 186,	" CHARLES A. ZERBE.
" " 193,	" WM. J. CARSON.
" " 236,	" ANDREW W. COX.
" " 257,	" AMERICUS V. HOLMES.

The M. E. Grand Secretary made the following report, which was ordered to be filed:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

The Grand Secretary respectfully presents the following annual report of the Chapters, Mark Lodges, and membership of this jurisdiction for the year ending December 27th, 1879.

CHAPTERS.

The number of members December 27th, 1878, were	10,129
Admitted during 1879,	49
Marked, &c., during 1879,	325
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	10,503
Resigned during 1879,	136
Suspended and expelled during 1879,	310
Died during 1879,	100
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Members December 27th, 1879,	9,957

MARK LODGES.

The number of members December 27th, 1878, were	1,963
Resigned during 1879,	1
Suspended and expelled during 1879,	75
Died during 1879,	46
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	1,841

The number of Chapters December 27th, 1879, . . . 103

The number of Mark Lodges December 27th, 1879, . . . 3

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN THOMSON,

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2, 1880.

Grand Secretary.

LIST OF CHAPTERS.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF CHAPTERS FOR 1879.

NO. OF CHAPTER.	WHERE HELD.	TIME OF MEETING.	MEMBERS DECEMBER, 1878.	ADMITTED.	MARKED, &C.	SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED.	RESIGNED.	DIED.	TOTAL.
3	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Monday	389		7	1		5	390
21	Harrisburg.....	First Monday	137	2	4	4	2		137
43	Lancaster.....	Fourth Wednesday	255	2	5	5	4	2	251
52	Philadelphia	First Friday	522	2	13	20	3	6	508
91	Philadelphia	Third Wednesday.....	363	1	7	7	1	6	357
150	Washington.....	First Friday	38		1	3	1		35
152	Reading	Second Monday.	200	1	6	7		2	198
159	Minersville.....	Thurs. on or bef. F. M..	34		1			1	34
161	Towanda.....	First Friday.....	93	1	3	3	1	1	92
162	Pittsburgh.....	First Tuesday.....	307		10	2	10	4	301
163	Lock Haven.....	Thurs. after F. M.	100	2	5		1		106
164	Brownsville.....	Second Tuesday.....	34			4	2		28
165	Uniontown	First Thursday.....	36		2		1	1	36
166	Hollidaysburg. ..	Third Friday.....	52		4			3	53
167	Rochester	Wednesday after F. M..	57		1		1		57
169	Philadelphia.....	Third Monday.....	224	2	7	16	2	4	211
170	New Castle.....	Monday on or bef. F. M.	40						40
171	Carlisle	First Thursday.....	62			2	1		59
172	Tunkhannock ...	Monday after F. M.	11		3	1			13
173	Easton.....	Fourth Monday.....	121		2	6	1	3	113
174	Sunbury	Tuesday before F. M...	46			1	1	1	43
175	Philadelphia	Second Thursday.....	340	2	12	12	4	7	331
176	Chambersburg ...	Third Monday.....	54			1	1	1	51
177	Tamaqua.....	Monday after F. M.	53						53
178	Catawissa.	Wed. on or bef. F. M. .	34					1	33
179	Carbondale	Wednesday after F. M..	74	1	5		1		79
180	Montrose	Thurs. on or bef. F. M..	51			7	1	2	41
181	Mauch Chunk...	Fourth Tuesday	135	1		21	1	1	113
182	Wilkes Barre....	Third Tuesday....	70		5	1	1	1	72
183	Philadelphia.....	Third Thursday.....	585	3	23	8	4	6	593
185	Scranton.....	Second Tuesday.....	98		2	11	5		84
186	Lewistown.....	Third Tuesday.....	65					2	63
187	Conneautville ...	Third Friday.....	40			2			38
189	Altoona	First Thursday	66		2	1		1	66
190	Norristown.....	Second Monday.....	144	1	5	1	1	1	147
191	Meadville.....	First Tuesday	90		5	2	3	1	89
192	Greensburg	Thurs. after Third Tues.	106	2	2	3		1	106

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193	Pittsburgh	Fourth Thursday	267		14	4	2	6	269
194	Wellsboro'	Thurs. on or bef. F. M..	37		2	7	1		31
195	Johnstown	Fourth Tuesday	50	1	2		1		52
196	Pottsville	Monday after F. M.	92	1	3	7	3	1	85
197	Lebanon	Second Tuesday	72		2		1	1	72
198	Phoenixville	Second Sat. after F. M..	84	1	4	3			86
199	York	Wed. after F. M.	93		1			1	83
200	Corry	Thurs. on or bef. F. M..	47	1		1	7	1	39
201	Huntingdon	First Tuesday	42	1			2		41
202	West Chester ...	Monday after F. M.	52		4	1			55
203	Allentown	Monday on or bef. F. M..	137		2	4	4		131
205	Factoryville	Wed. on or bef. F. M..	16			3		1	12
206	Beaver Falls	First Thursday	15						15
207	Titusville	Third Friday	113	1	1	5	11		99
208	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	117		5	8	2		112
209	Mechanicsburg ..	Second Monday	35					1	34
210	Great Bend	Thurs. on or bef. F. M..	51				1	2	48
211	Franklin	Second Thursday	68		4	4	1		67
212	Greenville	Second & Fourth Mon..	73		2	5			70
213	Girard	Second Friday	17				8		9
214	Plymouth	Friday on or bef. F. M..	36		1				37
215	Erie	Second Friday	76	4	9		4		85
216	Bethlehem	Second Monday	54						54
217	Allegheny City ..	First Friday	219		15	5	4	1	224
218	Bloomsburg	First Wednesday	61	2	1	1	3		60
219	Ashland	Third Thursday	44					1	43
220	Fort Washington.	Thursday bef. F. M....	40				1		39
221	Tremont	Monday after F. M....	46		1			1	46
222	Williamsport	Second Tuesday	93	3	7	5	1	2	95
223	Oxford	Wednesday after F. M..	40						40
224	Columbia	Second Tuesday	79	1	1	5	3	1	72
225	Brookville	First Monday	36		1		2		35
226	Philadelphia	Third Wednesday	110		2	5		1	106
227	Emporium	First and Third Wed...	42		1				43
228	Clearfield	Second Mon. aft. F. M..	56						56
229	Newtown	Wednesday after F. M..	39			2	1	1	35
230	Ridgway	Third Tuesday	44			3	1		40
231	Bristol	Saturday aft. F. M....	47			2		1	44
232	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	257	1	9	11	1	1	254
233	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	343		4	1	1	2	343
234	Media	Thursday after F. M....	45				2		43
235	Warren	Second Mon. of March, June, Sept. and Dec..	35						35
236	Oil City	Second Thursday	63	2	3	2	2		64
237	Reading	First Thursday	137	1	5	9			134

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238	Newport.....	Monday preceding Tues- day on or after F. M.	29		4				33
239	Danville.....	First Monday.. .. .	39			1			38
240	Philadelphia.....	Second Friday.....	205	1	3	9			200
241	Bellefonte.....	First Friday.	54		1	9	1		45
242	Pittston.....	Last Thursday.....	44			1		1	42
243	Philadelphia.....	First Monday.....	166		10	6	1	2	167
244	Sharon.....	Second Friday.....	65			4	2		59
245	Jenkintown.....	Tuesday after F. M....	36		1	1			36
246	Watson town.....	Wednesday after F. M.	29		2		1	1	29
247	Kittanning.	Second Monday.....	67		2	3			66
248	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday.....	163	1	8	12	2	3	155
249	Monongahela City	Thursday after F. M....							1
250	Philadelphia.....	First Monday.. .. .	176	2	11	6	4	2	177
251	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Tuesday.....	108		6	3	1		110
252	Mahony City....	Thursday aft. F. M....	34						34
253	North East.....	Second Monday	23		1				24
254	Port Allegheny..	Second Tuesday.....	17						17
255	Bedford	Third Wed. bef. F. M..	29		1				30
256	Fernwood.....	Wednesday aft. F. M...	40		12				52
257	Pittsburgh	Third Monday.....	64	1	11				76
258	Chester.....	Last Monday.....	77	1	1				79
259	Edenburg.....	Second Tuesday.....	28		3			1	30

MARK LODGES.

No. OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	MEMBERS DECEMBER, 1878.	ADMITTED.	MARKED, &C.	SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED.	RESIGNED.	DIED.	TOTAL.
91	Philadelphia	730			11		9	710
214	Philadelphia	750			57		35	688
216	Philadelphia	483			7	1	2	473

The Special Committee appointed at the February Communication to ascertain and report who are members of the Grand Chapter, made the following report, which was, on motion, accepted and the Committee discharged.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania :

Your Committee appointed to report the membership of this Grand Chapter beg leave to report, that reports have been received from all the Chapters except Nos. 21, 164, 166, 172, 174, 179, 185, 191, 205, 219, 237, 242, 249 and 253.

From those returned we find the membership to be :			
Officers of Chapters, viz., High Priests, Kings, and			
Scribes,	.	.	264
Past High Priests,	.	.	779
Past Masters of Lodges of Master Masons who have			
served as Masters of Lodges of Free and Accepted			
Masons within the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, and			
were also Royal Arch Masons prior to Dec. 27, 1871,			421
Making total membership in 89 Chapters,			1464
Estimate Chapters not returned, Officers,	.	.	42
“ “ “ P. H. Priests,	.	.	109
Total,			1615

CHARLES E. MEYER,
JOHN THOMSON,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON.

MEMBERSHIP OF GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, DECEMBER 2, 1880.

Chapters.	No. of Officers.	No. of P. H. Officers.	No. of P. M's.	Total.	Chapters.	No. of Officers.	No. of P. H. Officers.	No. of P. M's.	Total.	Chapters.	No. of Officers.	No. of P. H. Officers.	No. of P. M's.	Total.	Chapters.	No. of Officers.	No. of P. H. Officers.	No. of P. M's.	Total.
No. 3	3	18	28	49	No. 182	3	9	3	15	No. 208	3	9	3	15	No. 234	3	7		10
" 21	3	18	9	30	" 183	3	24	32	59	" 209	3	12	3	18	" 235	3	2	5	10
" 43	3	24	49	76	" 184					" 210	3	4	1	8	" 236	3	5	4	12
" 52	3	21	57	81	" 185					" 211	3	8		11	" 237				
" 91	3	3		6	" 186	3	13	2	18	" 212	3	5	1	9	" 238	3	4		7
" 150	3	12		15	" 187	3	8		11	" 213	3	2		5	" 239	3	9	2	14
" 159	3	13	4	20	" 188					" 214	3	6	3	12	" 240	3	10	2	15
" 161	3	16	20	39	" 189	3	13	2	18	" 215	3	7	2	12	" 241	3	7	2	12
" 162	3	12	6	21	" 190	3	9	6	18	" 216	3	10		13	" 242				
" 163	3	5		10	" 191	3	16	12	31	" 217	3	10	15	28	" 243	3	8	1	12
" 164	3	3		6	" 192	3	11	16	30	" 218	3	8		11	" 244	3	5		8
" 165	3	17	11	31	" 193	3	9	5	12	" 219					" 245	3	7		10
" 166	3	10	2	13	" 194	3	7	4	15	" 220	3	8	3	14	" 246	3	5		8
" 167	3	14	3	20	" 195	3	17	1	24	" 221	3	7		10	" 247	3	5	3	11
" 169	3	17	11	31	" 196	3	11	4	15	" 222	3	9	2	14	" 248	3	4	2	9
" 170	3	10	2	13	" 197	3	17	1	21	" 223	3	8	4	15	" 249				
" 171	3	13	3	18	" 198	3	13	6	22	" 224	3	6	3	15	" 250	3	7		10
" 172	3	16	2	19	" 199	3	4	2	9	" 225	3	10	2	15	" 251	3	5	5	13
" 173	3	8		12	" 200	3	13	6	22	" 226	3	6		9	" 252	3	6	1	10
" 174	3	9	19	38	" 201	3	11	3	17	" 227	3	3		6	" 253				
" 175	3	7	1	12	" 202	3	11	2	16	" 228	3	5		8	" 254	3	4	1	4
" 176	3	10		10	" 203	3	11			" 229	3	7	1	11	" 255	3	3		7
" 177	3	16		16	" 204					" 230	3	9	6	18	" 256	3	3	3	6
" 178	3	10		16	" 205					" 231	3	10	9	22	" 257	3	3	3	9
" 179	3	16	3	21	" 206	3	2		5	" 232	3	9	9	21	" 258	3	2	3	5
" 180	3	10	3	16	" 207	3	1	1	5	" 233	3	9	9	21	" 259	3			
" 181	3	16	2	21											" 260	3			

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:

COMPANIONS: The Committee on Finance respectfully report, that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Comp. Thos. R. Patton, and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, Comp. John Thomson, from Nov. 1, 1879, to Nov. 15, 1880, and found them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Oct. 31, 1879, as per Report, . . .	\$1,873 43
For Dues and Fees, from Chapters and Mark Lodges, . .	4,451 80
“ New Warrants,	100 00
“ Interest on Masonic Loan,	1,200 00
“ “ “ Deposits of Grand Treasurer,	34 83
“ Sale of Certificates, Reprints, etc.,	35 10
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	\$7,695 16

PAYMENTS.

Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest,	\$1,400 00
“ D. D. Grand High Priests,	345 34
Salaries from Sept. 30, 1879, to Sept. 30, 1880:	
Grand Secretary, Comp. John Thomson,	750 00
Clerk, Comp. Chas. H. Kingston,	300 00
Grand Tyler, Comp. H. G. Clark,	100 00
Invested in Masonic Loan,	1,000 00
Premium on \$1,000 Masonic Loan,	70 00
Rent from Sept. 30, 1879, to Sept. 30, 1880, . .	2,000 00
Tuning Organ from Sept. 30, 1879, to Sept. 30, 1880,	50 00
Printing Proceedings for 1879, Notices, Circulars, etc., etc.,	263 54
Postage, Expressages, etc., etc., for 1879 and 1880,	211 25
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	\$6,490 13
Showing balance on hand Nov. 15, 1880,	<hr/>
	\$1,205 03

Amount brought forward,	\$1,205 03
With which to pay balances due on Appropriations to Dec. 27, 1880, as follows:	
Rent from Sept. 30 to Dec. 27, 1880,	\$500 00
Salaries from Sept. 30 to Dec. 27, 1880:	
Grand Secretary,	187 50
Clerk,	75 00
Grand Tyler,	25 00
	<hr/> 787 50
Showing a balance of	\$417 53
To which add amount due Grand Chapter, as per balance sheet,	54 99
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Showing a Surplus over all Appropriations and Expenditures to Dec. 27, 1880,	\$472 52

We have examined the investments held by the M. E. Grand Treasurer, amounting to Twenty Thousand Dollars, all of which are Bonds of the Five per cent. Masonic Loan, and found them correct. We have also examined the accounts of the M. E. Grand High Priest, and found them correct.

The Committee present the following estimate of the receipts and expenditures for the year 1881:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Nov. 15, 1880,	\$1,205 03
Dues and Fees from Chapters and Mark Lodges,	4,200 00
Interest on Investments,	1,000 00
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Total,	\$6,405 03

EXPENDITURES.

Rent for 1881,	\$2,000 00
Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest,	1,200 00
“ D. D. “ “ “	300 00
Salary Grand Secretary,	750 00
“ Clerk,	300 00
“ Grand Tyler	100 00
Printing, including Annual Proceedings, Stationery, Postage, etc.,	500 00
Balances due on appropriations for 1880, to Dec. 27, 1880,	787 50
Tuning Organ,	40 00
	<hr/> 5,977 50
Showing an apparent surplus of	\$427 53

The Committee offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, That appropriations be made for the year 1881, as follows :

For Expenses of the M. E. Grand High Priest,	\$1,200 00
“ “ “ D. D. “ “ Priests,	300 00
“ Rent,	2,000 00
“ Printing, including Annual Proceedings,	500 00
“ Salary of Grand Secretary,	750 00
“ “ Grand Tyler,	100 00
“ “ Clerk to Grand Secretary,	300 00
“ Tuning Organ,	40 00

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be and he is hereby authorized to draw his Warrants on the M. E. Grand Treasurer, for the amounts named in the foregoing resolution, as they become due and payable.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CONRAD B. DAY,
CHAS. W. PACKER,
JOHN CURTIS,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,

Annexed hereto is a balance sheet of the Grand Chapter, furnished by the M. E. Grand Secretary, showing the accounts of the Grand Chapter on Nov. 15, 1880, and the balances on that date after the closing entries are made for the fiscal year, 1880.

BALANCES NOVEMBER 15, 1880.

DR.		CR.	
Chapter No. 161.....	\$31 60	Chapter No. 177.....	05
“ “ 165.....	24 60	“ “ 181.....	60
“ “ 172.....	30	“ “ 182.....	90
“ “ 173.....	50	“ “ 194.....	4 40
“ “ 189.....	90	“ “ 195.....	3 60
“ “ 201.....	30	“ “ 206.....	5 90
“ “ 210.....	14 40	“ “ 216.....	1 50
“ “ 211.....	1 00	“ “ 225.....	70
“ “ 221.....	04	“ “ 226.....	30
“ “ 228.....	9 20	“ “ 229.....	4 40
Cash.....	1,205 03	“ “ 244.....	1 80
Expenses Grand H. P..	1,400 00	“ “ 254.....	3 40
“ Deputy H. P.	345 34	“ “ 259.....	30
“ Grand Chap.	2,524 79	Dues.....	4,217 10
Salaries, etc.....	1,150 00	Interest	1,164 83
Investments.....	20,000 00	Certificates, etc	35 10
		Grand Chapter of Pa..	21,163 02
		Warrants.....	100 00
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	\$26,708 00		\$26,708 00

BALANCES NOVEMBER 15, 1880.

AFTER THE CLOSING ENTRIES ARE MADE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, 1880.

DR.		CR.	
Due by Chapters.....	82 84	Due to Chapters.....	27 85
Cash	1,205 03	Grand Chapter of Pa.	21,260 02
Investments.....	20,000 00		
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	\$21,287 87		\$21,287 87

A motion was made and seconded that the report be received and the resolutions adopted.

Companion JOHN I. BEGGS moved to strike out the item “Clerk, \$300.”

The motion was lost.

Companion JOHN I. BEGGS moved to strike out “expenses of Grand High Priest, \$1,200” and insert \$1,000.

The motion was lost.

Companion JOHN I. BEGGS moved to strike out the item "tuning organ, \$40."

The motion was lost.

The question occurring on the original motion, it was adopted.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was read, and, on motion, the report was accepted, and the resolutions therein were adopted, viz:

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania :

BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS: Your Committee on By-Laws having carefully examined the By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws referred to them, respectfully offer for your consideration the following resolutions, viz :

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 224 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 169 be approved.

Resolved, That the propositions contained in the resolutions of Chapter No. 260 be amended, by adding to the proviso at the end of the first resolution the additional proviso of "Provided, however, that this allowance shall not be construed to reduce the fee for conferring the R. A. Degree below the minimum sum established by the Constitution of the M. E. Grand Chapter," and, as thus amended, said resolutions be approved.

Fraternally Yours,

J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,

Chairman.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2, 1880.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report, and, on motion, the report was accepted and resolution attached was adopted :

To the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Companion ——— from the action of ——— Chapter, No. ———, in suspending him from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, respectfully report :

That notice having been given to the parties, the Committee met on the evening of November 11, 1880, when the appellant was present in person, and the Chapter appellee was represented by its M. E. High Priest and the Chairman of the Committee of the Chapter to whom the charges against Companion ——— had been referred.

The papers placed in the hands of the Committee as "the record of the proceedings," required by Art. XV, Sec. 73, consisted of several loose papers, the certificate of the Secretary being upon a detached sheet, containing a notice to the Grand Secretary, dated June 28, 1880, of the suspension by the Chapter that evening of Companion ——— for un-Masonic conduct, with copy of report of Committee and proceedings of the Chapter thereon, the certificate merely stating that the Secretary therewith incloses "copy of charges, report of testimony, and proceedings of the Committee;" to this certificate is affixed the seal of the Chapter. A reference to the Art. and Sect. of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter is sufficient to show that at best this is very loose and unsatisfactory mode of sending up the "record" in any case of appeal. It should be added that, while the notice is dated June 28, 1880, it with the papers was not received by the Grand Secretary till August 28, 1880, only four days before the Communication of the Grand Chapter, thus depriving the accused of the privilege to which he was entitled, of an inspection of the record as transmitted to the Grand Chapter before making his appeal. Indeed, he makes this one ground of complaint.

But, passing this, the papers transmitted show errors fatal to the proceedings without the necessity of the Committee

entering into any question arising upon the subject-matter of the charges.

The papers show that the Committee, to whom the charges were referred by the High Priest, consisted of five members, whose names were furnished to the accused with the copy of the charges and resolution of reference. At the first meeting of the Committee four of those named were present. The Companion first named on the Committee called the Committee to order as Chairman, and stated that notice had been served on the accused. He further stated that he declined to serve on the Committee. The High Priest then stated that he had been notified of the desire of the Companion, and also of the fifth member of the Committee, who was not present, to withdraw, and had appointed Companions McC—— and B—— in their places. Companion McC—— being present, with the three remaining of those originally appointed, then organized by appointing a Chairman and Secretary, and after reading the charges, the accused, who was present, objected to proceeding on the grounds that he desired a full Committee and also because of want of time to prepare. The Committee then adjourned to a specified time. At this adjourned meeting the four members who had organized at the last meeting were present, and there is also recorded as a member of the Committee, Companion C—— E——. How, when, or by whom he was appointed on the Committee, nowhere appears. Nor do the papers show that Companion B——, who was stated by the High Priest to have been appointed on the Committee, ever appeared. Whether he was notified or not, and whether he declined to serve, is left to conjecture. The Committee thus composed proceeded to hear and try the case.

The appointments of members of a Committee in place of those who may decline to serve should be made in open Chapter, which appears not to have been done in this case. Nor does the fact that the accused was present, and pleaded not guilty, and, so far as the papers show, made no objection, cure the defect in the proceedings.

But, further, the copy of the proceedings of the Chapter, taken upon the report of the Committee, as certified by the Secretary, does not show that in fact the Chapter ever took final action upon the report. There is a copy of the report of the Committee, but omitting their names, merely stating "signed by the five members of the Committee." The Grand Chapter should have a full and exact copy of the proceedings, and are especially entitled to know the names of those who signed the report. This is important in view of possible irregularities in the constitution of the Committee, such as have been referred to in this case. Following this copy of the report is the offer of a resolution to give the accused an opportunity to apologize, which was lost; then appears an amendment to the resolution offered by the Committee, which amendment was adopted, and the record shows no further action of the Chapter. The report was not adopted, nor was the resolution attached thereto, as amended, adopted.

The statement of the above facts shows, without need of elaboration or argument, how entirely void and of no effect are the entire proceedings in the case, from the time of and including the first meeting of the Committee to whom the charges were referred; and that Companion — still remains in the position of a member of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, against whom charges have been preferred and are still pending.

The Committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the whole proceedings of _____ No. _____, in the case of the charges preferred against Companion _____ subsequent to the appointment of the Committee to whom said charges were referred, are null and void, and are hereby quashed, and the Chapter is directed to restore Companion _____ to its rolls as he stood at the time of the appointment of the Committee to whom were referred the charges against him.

This being the time fixed by the Constitution for the election of officers to serve the Grand Chapter for the ensuing Masonic year, commencing on St.

John's Day next, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election. Companion WM. C. HAMILTON declining a re-election as Grand High Priest, Companion JOHN THOMSON declining a re-election as Grand Secretary. Tellers were appointed, who reported the following as the result of the ballot:

<i>Most Excellent Grand High Priest,</i>	Comp. HIBBERT P. JOHN.
" " <i>Grand King,</i> . . .	" AUGUSTUS R. HALL.
" " <i>Grand Scribe,</i> . . .	" GEO. W. KENDRICK, Jr.
" " <i>Grand Treasurer,</i> . . .	" THOMAS R. PATTON.
" " <i>Grand Secretary,</i> . . .	" CHARLES E. MEYER.

And the M. E. Grand High Priest announced that the foregoing Companions were duly elected to the several offices aforesaid.

Companion WM. R. FINLEY offered the following Amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, which, being seconded by Companion E. H. TURNER, were laid over under the rule:

For Section 1, Article VII, substitute the following: Each Chapter within this jurisdiction may, at the time at which its officers are chosen, elect as its Representative to the Grand Chapter, the High Priest, or a past High Priest, in good standing therein, who shall serve until his successor shall have been elected. His certificate of election shall be signed by the High Priest, have the seal of the Chapter attached, and be attested by the Secretary; a duplicate of which shall be sent to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter at least six days before the Communication of the Grand Chapter at which it is proposed to use the same.

Add.—Sec. 2: If, by the death of a Representative, or his removal from the jurisdiction, or by his resignation, a vacancy occurs, a successor may be elected at any stated or special meeting. Notice of such election must be given, as special notices are required to be given, to all the members of the Chapter.

Sec. 3: In all places where the word "Proxy" is used it shall be altered so as to correspond with the above use of the word "Representative."

Amend Sec. 2, Article IV, as follows: The Communications shall commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., on said days.

Companion EDWARD MATTHEWS offered the following, which was unanimously adopted: .

Resolved, That a Committee of Five be appointed to procure a suitable testimonial to be presented to Companion JOHN THOMSON, for his long and faithful service as Grand Secretary.

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint Companions EDWARD MATTHEWS, WM. J. KELLY, EDWARD MASSON, DENNIS F. DEALY and SAMUEL W. WRAY as said Committee. On motion, the M. E. Grand High Priest was added to the Committee.

The Grand Chapter closed in peace at 9 o'clock and 20 minutes, P. M.

JOHN THOMSON,

Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, Monday, December 27th, A. D. 1880.—A. I. 2410.

PRESENT.

Comp. WILLIAM C. HAMILTON, M. D.	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ HIBBERT P. JOHN, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ AUGUSTUS R. HALL, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ THOMAS R. PATTON, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON, . . .	<i>Assistant Grand Secretary.</i>
“ ANDREW J. KAUFFMAN, . . .	<i>District Deputy Grand High Priest.</i>
“ GEORGE W. KENDRICK, Jr. . . .	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ JOHN KELLER, Jr. . . .	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ HENRY R. COULOMB, . . .	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ JAMES S. BARBER, . . .	<i>Grand Master of 3d Vail.</i>
“ ALEXANDER H. MORGAN, . . .	<i>Grand Master of 2d Vail.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. HECK, . . .	<i>Grand Master of 1st Vail.</i>
“ EDWARD MASSON, . . .	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ PHINEAS GARRETT, . . .	<i>Grand Senior Master of Ceremonies, pro tem.</i>
“ JOEL S. PERKINS, . . .	<i>Grand Junior Master of Ceremonies, pro tem.</i>
“ JOHN L. YOUNG, . . .	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ HARRISON G. CLARK, . . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

Past Grand High Priests.—Companions GEORGE W. WOOD, SAMUEL C. PERKINS and CHARLES E. MEYER.

Grand Representatives.—Companion CHARLES E. MEYER, Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, Grand Chapter of Quebec, Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, Grand Chapters of South Carolina, Illinois, Iowa and Massachusetts,

Companion JOHN L. YOUNG, Grand Chapter of Maine.

Companion GEORGE W. WOOD, Grand Chapter of Virginia.

Companion THOMAS R. PATTON, Grand Chapters of Canada and Nebraska.

Companion SAMUEL C. PERKINS, Grand Chapter of Louisiana.

Representatives of Chapters Nos. 3, 52, 91, 16, 169, 175, 183, 193, 208, 224, 226, 232, 234, 245, 247, 248, 250, 257, 260.

Grand Chapter opened in ancient and solemn form at 6 o'clock and 10 minutes, P. M.

Amendment to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 91, and resolution of Chapter No. 260, in the nature of a By-Law, were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A missive was received and read from M. E. Companion FREDERICK SPEED, the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, appointing Companion THOMAS JACOBS as the Representative of that Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. On motion, Companion JACOBS was received and acknowledged as such Representative.

The following communication was received and read:

PHILADELPHIA, December 24, 1880.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania:

COMPANIONS: The undersigned, Secretary of — — —, No. — — —, Royal Arch Masons, respectfully asks a reconsideration of the report of the Committee on Appeals, in the case of — — — — —, as made at the last Quarterly Communication of your Grand Body. In support of the same I present first, the general and broad reason, that the report of your Appeal Committee is founded upon the question of sufficiency or incompleteness of the record as between the undersigned as Secretary of Chapter No. — — — and the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter. The power of the Chapter, or the legality of its proceedings in the case propounded, not having been considered by your Committee, thus ignoring its inherent right.

Your Committee say they had nothing before them but some loose papers. These papers were those required by

the Grand Constitution to be sent to the Grand Secretary, and were so delivered by the undersigned inclosed in one envelope. I knew of no requirement that they should be bound together, and think, when received at the Grand Secretary's office, those in that office should have arranged them to meet the wishes of the Committee.

Again, your Committee says that the final action of the Chapter does not appear on the papers. I think an examination will show this to be an error, with, perhaps, the accidental omission of a word which could and would have been supplied by a notification to the undersigned or the Chapter. Notwithstanding all this, the action of the Chapter is acknowledged by —, and quoted in his appeal.

Should an omission by an officer, in transcribing the records, be decided by the Grand Chapter as sufficient to vitiate the actions of the whole Subordinate Body, there is being established a dangerous precedent, and one that will tend to grossly violate the rights and powers of said Subordinate Body.

Again, a point is raised that although — suspension occurred June 28th, the papers were not filed in the Grand Secretary's office till Aug. 28th. The Constitution does not fix any specified time for said filing. The closing of the Chapter over the summer months, and the incidental disarrangement of business at that season, caused me to delay writing up my minutes, how long I cannot verify, but it is patent that — had all the information required, as the copy of his appeal, as made to your Grand Body, was received by the High Priest of Chapter No. —, on August 21st. This is verified by a letter in — own handwriting.

There is also raised, by the Committee on Appeals, the question of changing the members of the Committee which tried —. Two of the original Committee declined to serve, and at the stated meeting next after their appointment their declinations were received and their places supplied. This fact is noted on the minutes of the Chapter, and also upon the minutes of the Committee. Subsequently, and

before the next meeting of the Chapter, another member declined, and his place supplied by the High Priest. (I understand he had the authority of the M. E. Grand High Priest for so doing).

Some of these points are raised by the Committee on Appeals, but not by — in his statement of his grievances, and, therefore, being *ex parte*, do not enter into the merits of the case.

I sincerely hope that your Honorable Grand Chapter will carefully examine into the facts herein set forth, so that justice may be done.

Fraternally submitted,

On motion, the communication was referred to the present Committee on Appeals, with instructions to report at the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Chapter, proceedings to stay in the meantime.

Communication was read from Chapter No. 190, asking permission to receive new petition from a rejected applicant.

On motion, the prayer was granted under the usual restrictions.

A communication was read from Chapter No. 258, appointing Companion JAMES BARTON, Jr., as its Proxy, and Companion BARTON, Jr., was acknowledged as such Proxy.

General returns for 1880 were received from Chapters Nos. 43, 91, 159, 183, 189, 197, 198, 214, 218, 220, 222, 227, 232, 235, 238, 239, 247 and 251, and Mark Lodge No. 214.

Ordered to be entered and filed.

The Committee on Correspondence presented their report, which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to print. (See Appendix.)

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report:

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the M. E. G. H. R. A. Chapter of Penna :

BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS : Your Committee on By-Laws having examined the Amendment to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 91, and the resolution of Chapter No. 260, referred to them, respectfully offer the following resolution, to-wit :

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 91, and the resolution of Chapter No. 260, be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,

Chairman of Committee.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27th, 1880.

The report was, on motion, adopted.

Companion WM. C. HAMILTON, Grand High Priest, then delivered the following address :

COMPANIONS: The ceremonies of this evening will complete another page in the history of this Grand Chapter. We have arrived at the point at which the usual periodic changes must occur, when past official relations terminate and new ones begin.

In retrospection it is pleasant to reflect, that my connection with the Grand Officers, the members of the Grand Chapter and the Companions, has been pleasant and mutually beneficial; and also that the hearty co-operation I have enjoyed during my service of two years as Grand High Priest, has made the duties of the office more delightful than onerous. Whilst I have aimed at a loyal and an impartial discharge of these duties, you have ably seconded my efforts, and thus contributed to the attainment of most gratifying results.

I have marked, with pleasure, the infusion of new zeal in the working power of the Royal Arch Fraternity; there is a

perceptible increase of Masonic knowledge, and a healthful disposition to be in accord with our ancient usages, customs, and landmarks. These gratifying results, I feel assured, must produce an abounding harvest of those noble qualities which should be distinguishing features of our Fraternity, and which are so essential to its well being.

During the past Masonic year I have officially visited all the Chapters meeting in the Temple, beside a number in the surrounding districts, and I am pleased to report to you that, as a general rule, they are in a more prosperous condition than they were at the time of my previous report.

Accompanied by the Grand Officers, I have also visited Media, Fernwood, West Chester, Altoona, Pittsburgh, Oil City and Erie. In each of the above mentioned places we were cordially received by the Companions, who were present in large numbers from the adjacent districts.

In the evenings Grand Visitations in form were made and addresses delivered, after which the Degrees were exemplified by the Grand Officers; this work received marked attention by the Companions, thus evincing a desire for Masonic knowledge that was truly gratifying. The D. D. Grand High Priests were present, and by their effort to gather the Companions from the surrounding districts, afforded us every opportunity for imparting instruction. The Grand Officers are under many obligations for courtesies extended to them while sojourning with the hospitable Companions. We felt, at the termination of these visitations, that good results must follow to the Royal Craft.

For good and sufficient reasons I issued, during the year, the following Dispensations :

January 26th, to Chapter No. 182, to elect a Scribe.

January 30th, to Chapter No. 165, to hold an election for officers.

February 2d, to Chapter No. 255, to hold an election for Secretary.

During the year I have appointed the following Grand Representatives :

May 14th, Companion Fraser W. Dakin to be Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, near the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.

August 11th, Companion S. C. Conly, of Barksdale, to be Grand Representative of Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, near the Grand Chapter of Mississippi.

On September 5th, accompanied by a full corps of Grand Officers, I left for Bradford, McKean Co., for the purpose of constituting Bradford Chapter, No. 260, Royal Arch Masons, and installing their officers.

We arrived at noon on September 6th, and were met at the depot by Companions Simons, Wheeler, and a large delegation, who gave us a royal welcome, and conveyed us in carriages to our hotel.

At the appointed time we repaired to the hall, which is one of the most cosy and beautiful rooms in the jurisdiction, and on this occasion it was handsomely decorated with natural flowers in large and artistic designs, representing the emblems of Royal Arch Masonry.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ancient and solemn form, at 3 o'clock, P. M., whereupon Bradford Chapter, No. 260, Royal Arch Masons, was constituted according to our ancient rites and ceremonies, and its officers were duly installed, the Grand Chapter closing at 5.30 P. M.

At 7 o'clock a meeting of Bradford Chapter was held, when the Grand Officers exemplified the three Degrees, and gave such other instruction as the Companions demanded. After addresses by the Grand High Priest, the High Priest, Q. H. Simons, and others, the Chapter closed in peace at 11.30 P. M., when the large assemblage of Companions repaired to the hotel, and partook of the hospitalities of the Companions of Bradford.

The arrangements for the constitution of the Chapter, thanks to Companion Simons, were perfect in detail; this, together with the large attendance of Companions, was a source of great pleasure to the Grand Officers. We left Bradford feeling confident that the interests of Royal Arch Masonry in that quarter of our jurisdiction were placed in honest and faithful hands.

The following question was propounded to me, requiring my decision: "In balloting for a candidate, has any Companion a right to reveal how he votes?" It seems scarcely necessary to remind you that the secrecy of the ballot must be absolute and inviolable, and that it lies at the very foundation of our harmony and prosperity. It was evidently intended, by those who instituted it, to promote harmony, for among the old regulations I find the following: "In order to preserve harmony, it was thought necessary to use counters and a balloting box, when occasion required." This occasion I deem to be the balloting for candidates.

We must accord equal rights to all, if one has a right to reveal how he votes all have the same privilege. If a Brother, who votes a white ball has a right to reveal his ballot, so also has he who votes a black ball. To permit a violation of the secrecy of the ballot by either, would be the entering of the wedge of discord, and a destructive blow at one of the fundamental principles of Masonry. The question, therefore, is answered in the negative.

On several occasions, during my term of office, I have been compelled to issue edicts, compelling Chapters to refrain from conferring the Degrees upon applicants who had not "passed the Chair." Brethren desiring advancement have been induced to sign petitions to various Chapters, stating they had "passed the Chair," when such was not really the case; the object, no doubt, being to save a few days in their advancement. Such a practice is not only a violation of the rules, edicts and regulations of the Grand Chapter, but it is also clearly in contravention of the plainest Masonic principles, which require truth in all of their professions. The Brother who would be persuaded to sign such a petition is unworthy of being entrusted with the mysteries of the Royal Art; and the Companion who would tempt him so to act, on the plea that it is only a matter of form, is unfit to retain the title of Companion, and is worthy to receive the severest condemnation.

I refer with pride to the increasing interest manifested by the members of the Grand Chapter in its Quarterly Communications; there being present at our last meeting 325. Her financial condition is on a solid basis, there being now invested the sum of \$20,000. From the report of the Grand Secretary I find that there are under our jurisdiction 103 Chapters, with a total membership of 10,503.

These evidences of prosperity should not have the effect of lulling us into apathy and neglect, but rather they should stimulate us to nobler achievements in the discharge of our varied duties. No words more significant than these were ever uttered, "A house divided against itself cannot stand;" therefore, we should take to heart the important lesson here taught, and discourage, inside and outside of these walls, whatever tends in the slightest degree to diminish fraternal feeling and harmonious action.

Let us study most earnestly those things which will be productive of peace; not in the spirit of fear, characteristic of the sycophant, but in that open, earnest and undaunted

spirit indicative of the man who is enthusiastic in the promotion of a great and noble purpose. Such a spirit we would wish to recognize in every officer and member of the Royal Arch Fraternity.

Let us ever be inspired with the laudable ambition to promote the highest interest of the Craft, and when we experience a zeal to put forth effort in any direction we should first analyze, carefully and disinterestedly, the thoughts, feelings and motives which animate us; forecasting, as best we may, the possible, probable and positive results likely to accrue from such action. So that due caution may be observed, we should ever be swayed by feelings, motives and thoughts that are pure; then if our efforts be discreetly and earnestly put forth, there are sure to follow results satisfactory to ourselves and to the Craft.

Our zeal, my Companions, should be according to our knowledge. We should walk in the light of a clear and thorough conception of all that pertains to Masonry, such as order and discipline, precedent and law, type and symbol, sign and ceremony.

Systematic study and profound thought are incumbent and necessary duties. A full understanding of duty is necessary to a just appreciation of it; in the haze of imperfect knowledge we cannot but have imperfect perceptions, hence, we may expect faulty work and an inadequate discharge of duty. If we would be successful in our work, if we desire to win laurels on the great field of privilege, we must have a clear knowledge of the varied duties that demand our best thought, and thus, in reality, we may make our record remarkable for intelligent, harmonious and successful effort.

Remember, my Companions, we are not working for ourselves alone, but for those who are to come after us. The future history of Masonry depends largely on what the past makes it.

The present is father to the future. Let our conduct, therefore, be such as we may look back upon with feelings of pride. Let us work as in the sight of those who, in the years to come, will turn over the pages of the history we are making and be influenced by the records of noble and zealous achievements. Let us labor to make our example worthy of imitation, replete with manly deeds, well and faithfully performed.

In a few more decades we who are assembled here to-night shall have given place to others who will throng these

familiar halls, yet the influence of our words and actions shall survive after we are gone. How important, therefore, that these types of self should be worthy to live in the memory of future generations.

I feel that I cannot close my remarks without paying a slight tribute to the memory of one who graced the halls of Masonry with a life of usefulness, but who, during the past year, was called from this earthly sphere to enjoy the fruits of a well-spent life. I refer to P. G. High Priest Jos. R. Chandler. Yet, while we are moved by feelings of fraternal sorrow, we experience a genuine pleasure in the recollection of his active and self-denying life. He leaves a record for work worthy the imitation of all. In the most trying period in our history he stood firm to the great principles of Masonry. When tested by the severest ordeals his loyalty remained unimpeachable; nothing could induce him to divulge its secrets, or impugn its sanctity.

During the days of the anti-Masonic movement, he made his influence to be cogently felt, and when our enemies had combined in their endeavors to crush the fabric, he proved its most invincible defender. He demonstrated his love for the institution by his constant attention to the duties of his Lodge and Chapter, and by a life-long devotion to their glorious teachings. He lived true to the principles of Masonry, and that he might die within the mystic circle (being a member of the Catholic Club) he went to Rome and obtained a special indulgence. Let his memory, therefore, be enshrined in our hearts with love and veneration, and may we never regard his life, so full of usefulness, without admiration. Let us imitate his example in laboring, as he did, for the welfare of Masonry, and let our lives abound with the same manly principles, and be characterized by the same dignified and courteous graces, that we may merit the same respect he enjoyed while living, and which renders his name illustrious and venerated now that he is dead.

Companion WILLIAM J. KELLY moved that the elective officers of the Grand Chapter be appointed a Committee to procure a suitable testimonial to be presented to the Assistant Grand Secretary, for his long and faithful services, which motion was adopted.

So much of the Minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held Dec. 2, 1880, as relates to the election of officers, was read.

All but Past High Priests, upon whom the order of High Priesthood had been conferred, having retired, Companion HIBBERT P. JOHN was duly installed into the office of M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, for the Masonic year beginning this day; was duly proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Companions present.

The Companions who had retired were re-admitted.

The following named Companions were then duly installed into the several offices to which they had been elected; were duly proclaimed and received the salutations of the Companions, viz:

<i>M. E. Grand King,</i>	Comp. AUGUSTUS R. HALL.
<i>M. E. Grand Scribe,</i>	“ GEO. W. KENDRICK, JR.
<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer,</i>	“ THOMAS R. PATTON.
<i>M. E. Grand Secretary,</i>	“ CHARLES E. MEYER.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion HIBBERT P. JOHN, then read the following address, which was received with great satisfaction by the Companions:

COMPANIONS: Advanced by your suffrages, I find myself to-night occupying the highest position in your gift, that of Grand High Priest of this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, with all its honors, responsibilities and sacred trusts. So eminent a position is not to be lightly considered or its obligations irreverently assumed, and whilst I feel truly grateful for the distinguished mark of your preference, I am deeply sensible of the heavy burden of obligations imposed upon me.

You, my Companions of the Grand Chapter, and I, have reason to congratulate ourselves on the manner in which the affairs of this Grand Body have been administered. Success

and dignity have characterized the valuable services rendered by many of the distinguished Companions who have presided over its deliberations, and I feel that with the aid of their good examples, their sound judgment, their learned and just decisions on questions of Masonic jurisprudence, and the individual co-operation of my officers, and the encouragement and sustaining help of all my Companions, I shall go on in the discharge of duty, confident that with such valuable assistance I can win your cordial approval and administer the affairs of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction with justice and impartiality. The change in time of holding our Quarterly Communications, immediately succeeding those of the Grand Lodge, I regard as fruitful of an awakening interest in the proceedings of this Grand Body, and which in time we may anticipate will work to our mutual benefit, harmonizing and connecting more closely the "Capitular" and "Symbolic" Degrees. May I not then urge upon those who are present, the importance of making these "Quarterly Communications" more impressive, by an increase of attendance and a more thoughtful consideration of the interests involved. Let our deliberations in this Grand Body touch and affect the interests and development of every Subordinate Chapter throughout the jurisdiction; and just in proportion as we make our deliberations instructive and influential here will their effectiveness be felt throughout the State. Although there can nothing new be added to our Ritual, no novelties introduced to increase its attractiveness, no changes made in the adopted language; still much *may* be done to impart effectiveness to our assemblies and clothe our ceremonies with grace. To this end there must be a perfect rendering of every portion of each Degree, by a pleasing and easy delivery, together with an intelligent understanding of all our forms and symbolisms, to enable the officers of Chapters to command the respect of their Companions. Finally, my Companions, let us in the same spirit of brotherly affection which has characterized our actions in the past, enter upon our work with renewed energy and a determined effort to properly discharge our obligations, so that we may close the year with happy results and enjoy that true pleasure derived alone from the consciousness of the fulfilment of duty; and may there be a stronger bond of unity between us, a oneness of thought, a oneness of feeling and a oneness of action in all our work.

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to make the following appointments :

Grand Captain of the Host :

Comp. ARTHUR THACHER, Chapter No. 248.

Grand Principal Sojourner :

Comp. JOHN KELLER, JR., Chapter No. 52.

Grand R. A. Captain :

Comp. JAMES S. BARBER, Chapter No. 183.

Grand Chaplains :

Comp. Rev. JAS. W. ROBINS, D. D.

“ “ THOS. J. DAVIS, D. D.

“ “ WILLIAM B. WOOD, D. D.

“ “ A. V. C. SCHENCK, D. D.

“ “ THOMAS M. JACKSON,

“ “ JOHN F. CROUCH.

Grand Master of Third Vail :

Comp. CHAS. W. NOLEN, Chapter No. 169.

Grand Master of Second Vail :

Comp. WILLIAM A. SINN, Chapter No. 175.

Grand Master of First Vail :

Comp. SAML. W. BROADBENT, Chapter No. 245.

Grand Marshal :

Comp. EDWARD MASSON, Chapter No. 232.

S. G. Master of Ceremonies :

Comp. ISAAC VAN DEUSEN, Chapter No. 3.

J. G. Master of Ceremonies :

Comp. CHARLES E. PIKE, Chapter No. 256.

Grand Pursuivant :

Comp. SAMUEL W. WRAY, Chapter No. 251.

Grand Tyler :

Comp. HARRISON G. CLARK, Chapter No. 183.

Committee on Work :

Comp. GEORGE W. WOOD, P. G. H. P.
 " MICHAEL NISBET, "
 " DANIEL THOMPSON, "
 " CHAS. E. MEYER, "
 " ANDREW ROBENO, "

Committee on Finance :

Comp. CONRAD B. DAY,
 " M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
 " WILLIAM J. KELLY,
 " CHARLES W. PACKER,
 " JAMES P. MALSEED.

Committee on Correspondence :

Comp. ANDREW ZANE, JR.
 " SAMUEL HARPER,
 " LOUIS WAGNER,
 " IRVING P. WANGER,
 " V. G. ROBINSON.

Committee on By-Laws:

Comp. J. ALEX. SIMPSON,
 " SAMUEL McCAMBRIDGE,
 " WILLIAM A. MORTON,
 " JOHN W. LEE,
 " JOHN L. YOUNG.

Committee on Appeals :

Comp. SAMUEL C. PERKINS, P. G. H. P.
 " ALFRED R. POTTER, "
 " GEORGE E. WAGNER, "
 " CHARLES H. KINGSTON,
 " WILLIAM C. HAMILTON, M. D., P. G. H. P,

Committee on Charity:

Comp. HENRY R. COULOMB,
 “ B. FRANK ABBETT,
 “ EDWARD STRICKLAND,
 “ PETER E. WEISER,
 “ DAVID S. CRAVEN.

Committee on Printing and Publishing :

Comp. DENNIS F. DEALY,
 “ CHARLES CARY,
 “ ALEX. M. LLOYD,
 “ WILLIAM W. ALLEN,
 “ WILLIAM H. HOSKINS.

District Deputy Grand High Priests :

- 1.—Companion ANDREW J. KAUFFMAN, of Columbia, for Counties of Lancaster, York and Adams.
- 2.—Companion WILLIAM CAMPBELL, of Media, for Counties of Chester and Delaware, except Chapter No. 198, at Phoenixville.
- 3.—Companion JOHN G. BOBB, of Carlisle, for Counties of Dauphin, Cumberland, Franklin and Fulton.
- 4.—Companion JOHN SLINGLUFF, of Norristown, for Counties of Montgomery, Bucks, and Chapter No. 198, at Phoenixville.
- 5.—Companion FREDERICK W. LAUER, of Reading, for Counties of Berks and Lebanon.
- 6.—Companion ABRAHAM K. WHITNER, of Pottsville, for County of Schuylkill.
- 7.—Companion BERNARD E. LEHMAN, of Bethlehem, for Counties of Northampton, Lehigh and Carbon.
- 8.—Companion SAMUEL L. FRENCH, of Plymouth, for Counties of Luzerne, Lackawanna and Monroe.
- 9.—Companion JAMES H. CODDING, of Towanda, for Counties of Bradford, Wyoming and Sullivan.

- 10.—Companion JOHN H. DUSENBUREY, of Great Bend, for Counties of Susquehanna, Wayne and Pike.
- 11.—Companion JOSEPH H. SIMONDS, of Bradford, for Counties of Tioga, Potter and McKean.
- 12.—Companion WILLIAM G. KRAMER, of Danville, for Counties of Columbia, Montour and Northumberland.
- 13.—Companion JOHN T. BEARDSLEY, of Lock Haven, for Counties of Lycoming, Clinton, Centre, Union and Snyder.
- 14.—Companion GILMAN T. WHEELER, of Ridgway, for Counties of Elk and Cameron.
- 15.—Companion EDMUND H. TURNER, of Altoona, for Counties of Blair, Cambria, Huntingdon, Bedford and Clearfield.
- 16.—Companion JOHN P. CLARK, of Newport, for Counties of Perry, Mifflin and Juniata.
- 17.—Companion PHILIP M. HOCHHEIMER, of Uniontown, for Counties of Washington, Fayette, Green and Somerset.
- 18.—Companion WILLIAM J. CARSON, of Pittsburgh, for Counties of Allegheny, Westmoreland, Armstrong, Butler, Indiana and Beaver.
- 19.—Companion ANDREW W. COX, of Oil City, for Counties of Venango, Warren, Forrest, Clarion and Jefferson.
- 20.—Companion MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, of Sharon, for Counties of Mercer, Lawrence, Crawford and Erie.

The Grand Secretary was pleased to appoint Companion J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON, Assistant Grand Secretary, which was approved by the Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapter closed in peace at 8 o'clock and 25 minutes, P. M.

CHARLES E. MEYER,

Grand Secretary,

LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS

TO

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

OFFICE OF THE
 MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE
 GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA,
 AND MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING. }

Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Dec. 27th, A. D. 1880.—A. I. 2410.

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION: In appointing you to the office of D. D. Grand High Priest, I do so with full confidence in your skill and capacity. I hope that during the present year you will prove your devotion to the Grand Chapter by a faithful and diligent discharge of the duties of your office, as defined in the Constitution; also in rendering prompt obedience to the instructions contained in this Circular Letter.

I.—You will visit every Chapter in your District at least once during the year, and as soon after the receipt of your Commission as possible; your personal expenses only, incurred in making such visit, will be defrayed when you render an account of the same.

II.—All officers and members of Chapters in your District should, in the first instance, address you upon all questions of Law or Work. Your decisions and correspondence you will cause to be preserved as part of the official record of your administration.

Through you all appeals to this office must be made ; and with every appeal you will send a copy of your decision, to which said appeal refers, and also of the correspondence relating thereto. All correspondence relating to your official duties must be addressed to the M. E. Grand-High Priest.

III.—You will enter in your Record Book the date of your visits to the several Chapters in your District, the result thereof, and such other information regarding Capitular Masonry as may be useful or important. This book must be sent to the Grand Secretary, for the examination of the M. E. Grand High Priest, before the 20th day of December next.

IV.—You will see that every Chapter in your District is in possession of one or more copies of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, adopted November 3d, A. D. 1871—A. I. 2401, together with the Amendments thereto, since adopted ; and you will read, or cause to be read, in each Chapter, from time to time, for the information of the Companions, the Sections of Article XV, relating to membership, conferring of Degrees, etc.

V.—It is my desire that the officers of the respective Chapters should perform their own work. You will therefore see that they are properly instructed in the Ritual, and for this purpose you should convene them as often as possible during the year.

VI.—The order of High Priesthood should be conferred when the High Priest elect is installed ; this I consider important, and desire that the Past High Priests of the several Chapters in your District, who have received the order of High Priesthood, be instructed in the ceremonies thereof, so that in case you cannot be with them, they may be able to install their officers according to requirement.

VII.—You will notify the Secretary of each Chapter in your District to make the annual returns promptly, stating

at the same time how many meetings have been held by the Chapter during the Masonic year.

VIII.—You will send a copy of this Circular Letter of Instructions to the Secretary of every Chapter in your District, with directions to read in open Chapter, and spread in full upon the minutes.

IX.—All former regulations inconsistent with the foregoing are hereby countermanded.

Fraternally yours,

HIBBERT P. JOHN,
Grand High Priest.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of
the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania :*

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to submit their Annual Report of the review of the proceedings of the Grand Chapters in communication with this Grand Chapter. From time to time these proceedings have been received from the M. E. Grand Secretary, and a careful examination satisfies us that the past year is marked by a gradual but healthy revival in nearly every Grand Jurisdiction.

Believing that the duties of the Committee do not require us to recite to our Grand Chapter the many good words written about it, or its Committee on Correspondence, we have not reprinted them.

The action taken by the Grand Chapter in February, 1879, with reference to the status of "suspended in the Blue Lodge" Royal Arch Masons, has met the cordial approval of all the Grand Bodies with which we are in correspondence, save one or two. One of the Grand Chapters, California, has adopted word for word these resolutions, and others have declared in as strong terms the same views as we have expressed.

The subject of the merging of the Council Degrees with the Chapters has received its death-blow from the General Grand Chapter, under whom most of these Grand Chapters are in allegiance.

We have not endeavored to make a long report, by giving the various local business of Grand Bodies, but where we have found points which we deem of interest and necessary to declare our views on the same, we have done so fearlessly and with as much force as the case demands.

We ask a careful reading of the report which is herewith annexed.

The proceedings reviewed are :

ARKANSAS.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas was held in Little Rock, October 7, 1879. Owing to the absence of the Grand High Priest, the Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until November 20, 1880, when it was called to labor in ample form by M. E. Companion M. M. McGuire, Grand High Priest.

The death of the Grand King and a Past Grand Secretary was announced.

The Grand High Priest speaks of the experiment they have been trying of conferring Degrees (the Cryptic Degrees) of which they, as a Grand Chapter, have legally no knowledge. He says he cannot decide how well the plan will work, and that they are not ready to give it up or are they prepared to pronounce it a success. The Degrees of the Council are given to all Royal Arch Masons in good standing who apply; at a nominal fee and without ballot, yet it is found many of the Companions are perfectly indifferent about these Degrees, The old story, what costs little is valued less. Cheap Masonry is apt to result in poor Masonry.

Three new Chapters were warranted.

After conferring the Royal and Select Masters' Degrees, the Grand Chapter was closed.

ALABAMA.

The fifty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alabama was held in Montgomery, Dec. 2, 1879. Twenty-eight Chapters represented.

Grand High Priest Joiner reports more favorably than last year. He reports a number of decisions, with some of which we must disagree, particularly this one :

“ 2d. Can a Royal Arch Mason visit a Chapter, when the *Lodge* of which he was a member has been suspended for the non-payment of dues ?

“ *Ans.* Any Companion Royal Arch Mason, in good standing in his Chapter, has all the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason, notwithstanding the *Lodge* of which he was a member may have been suspended for the non-payment of dues, or for any other cause ; *Provided*, he was in good standing in the *Lodge* at the time of such suspension.”

A Lodge that neglects to pay its dues is suspended, and with that suspension is carried every member of it. On the suspension, the books and properties of the Lodge come into the possession of the Grand Lodge, and it alone can put the Brother in good standing and unaffiliate him.

We note further, that the Grand High Priest decided that an unaffiliated Mason could not be made a Royal Arch Mason ; this we agree with, and it is the law of Pennsylvania, but it is not very consistent in the Grand High Priest to decide that in one case an unaffiliated can not be admitted to receive the highest Degree in Ancient Craft Masonry, while he permits a suspended Mason who is unaffiliated to remain a member in good standing in the Chapter.

The following was adopted :

“ *Whereas*, The improper and, as we believe, pernicious doctrine, that a Chapter may be legally opened though the Charter of the same be not in the Chapter Hall, or Building, is advocated by some Grand Chapters, and may be adopted by others ; *therefore*, the Grand Chapter of Alabama is impelled to adopt the following :

“ *Resolved*, That no Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall be opened or holden at any time, unless the Warrant from this Grand Chapter shall be present in the Chapter Hall at the time ; and any Chapter holden under other circumstances shall be esteemed irregular and its doings void.”

Right.

A beautiful tea service was presented to the P. G. High Priest, James E. Cobb.

Companion P. I. Pillans reports on Correspondence, and in his review of Pennsylvania makes a slight mistake; Companion Chas. E. Meyer was not the "Reporter," at the time he moved to proceed with printing the proceedings without the Report on Correspondence.

CALIFORNIA.

The twenty-sixth Annual Convocation held in Masonic Temple, San Francisco, April 13, 1880. Forty-one Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his annual address, speaks of the duties we owe to ourselves and others.

The following is true to the letter :

"It is the duty of every Chapter to entertain its visitors by every mark of courtesy and attention. Yet how often does it occur that a Companion, possibly a stranger in a strange land, his heart yearning for fraternal companionship, seeks the Masonic Chapter, where, comparatively unnoticed, he sits silent and alone during the entire session, and is suffered to depart—a stranger still.

"One great benefit of Freemasonry is its social, fraternal tendency and teaching—the exercise of that courtesy and kindness due from one Mason to another, and which no true Mason can ever allow himself to withhold. An unsocial Lodge or Chapter is a Masonic deformity; and in it are generally to be found errors that are antagonistic to the very fundamental principles of Masonry. No Chapter can be what Masonry intended it should be, without the warm and genial influence of sociability.

"I have, also, to speak of profanity as a gross error. Profanity, in its mildest significance, is vulgar—even from the lips of him whose misfortune it is to be an atheist. But the natural man—who is forced to recognize the existence of a God from the intuitive conviction of the soul within him—for him to profane His high and holy name would be to do violence to his nature, even when alone in solitude, in the valley or on the mountain top, with none but his Creator, God, to give him audience. The true Mason, who properly appreciates the

beauties of Masonry, and observes its teachings in his daily life, can hardly be profane; but there are those who claim to be good Masons, and yet daily commit the vulgar error."

The Report on Correspondence is from the hand of Companion Caswell, Grand Secretary. Thirty-seven Grand Chapters reviewed; Pennsylvania, for 1879, included. He quotes from the address of Grand High Priest Hamilton; also, gives in full the report by our Companion Hughan in reference to the Grand Chapter of England, and agrees fully with our views as to the treatment of those Brethren who are so dishonest and mean as not to pay their just dues to the Lodge.

The following was adopted and is worthy of imitation:

"*Resolved*, That it shall be the imperative duty of every Subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction, before it shall confer the Royal Arch Degree upon any candidate, to require of said candidate a compliance with regulation relative to the selection and recording of his mark."

CANADA.

The twenty-third Annual Convocation held in Guelph, on July 16, 1880. Fifty-three Chapters represented.

We note that Canada still adheres to that which was an old custom with us, but now for many years abolished, of requiring the High Priest to have served as Worshipful Master of a Symbolic or Craft Lodge.

Companion Henry Robertson presents the Report on Correspondence, reviewing, among others, Pennsylvania, for 1879. He comments on the Resolution adopted by this Grand Chapter in reference to Royal Arch Masons suspended by their Lodges for non-payment of dues, calls it unfraternal and a breach of Masonic comity, and says:

"Hitherto it has been an acknowledged maxim of Masonic international law, that the standing of a Mason at home governs his standing abroad. The same rule applies to Royal Arch Masons; if they are in good standing according to the laws of their own Grand Chapter, they are entitled to recognition as Royal Arch Masons wherever they go."

To which we reply, that while such may be the custom in Canada, it is not universal. A Mason, no matter from whence he hails, is subject to the laws, be they good or bad, light or oppressive, fraternal or unfraternal, of the Grand Body within whose jurisdiction he may at the time be. We have already discussed this matter fully, and do not wish to repeat what we have said.

COLORADO.

The fifth Annual Convocation held in Denver, September 18, 1879. Six Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest reported to the Grand Chapter the following :

“In June I received the following statement and inquiries concerning the status of Brother John H. Maugham, from Lake City Chapter, U. D. ‘Brother Maugham was elected to take the Degrees in Pueblo Chapter, No. 3, and change of jurisdiction was granted by Pueblo Chapter to Lake City Chapter, to confer the Degrees. The fees accompanying Brother Maugham’s petition are retained by Pueblo Chapter, and the remainder are to be paid in here ; but the fees of the two Chapters differ in amounts.

“‘Is Brother Maugham entitled to all the Degrees as per Pueblo Chapter schedule of fees? Or, after receiving the Degree for which he paid Pueblo Chapter, then, before receiving the other Degrees, must he not pay our Chapter according to our schedule of fees? After receiving all the Degrees in Lake City Chapter, is he not in full membership therewith?’

“I replied as follows: Brother M. is entitled to receive the Degrees in Pueblo Chapter, as per their schedule of fees. By permission of Pueblo Chapter Brother M. may be elected to receive the Degrees in Lake City Chapter. After having received the M. M. Degree, for which he has paid, he should be subject to the demands of Lake City Chapter, because it is his choice and for his convenience. A Chapter U. D. cannot acquire members.”

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania does not permit any of its Subordinates to finish the work of other Chapters. They can only confer the Degrees upon those who have been

approved by them after petition and by the ballot. If the candidate is desirous of receiving the Degrees, and cannot afford the means necessary to journey to a distant place to receive them, we think it best for him to resign or dimit from the distant Chapter and join the one nearest to his place of residence, and then receive the remainder of his Degrees.

The following, referring to Pennsylvania, has not yet reached our Grand Chapter officially, and we shall look forward to the publication of the Convocation of 1880.

“On motion of Companion Bowman, the subject of the status of Mark Masters residing in this jurisdiction and belonging to Mark Lodges in Pennsylvania and elsewhere, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, to report at the next Annual Convocation.”

CONNECTICUT.

The eighty-second Annual Convocation held in Hartford, May 11, 1880. Thirty-eight Chapters represented.

Among the deaths announced by the Grand High Priest we find the following :

“On the thirty-first of March died Companion Dan. A. Davison, Past High Priest of Franklin Chapter, No. 2, of New Haven. Of so genial a nature was our late Companion, so endeared to me was he by the ties of a warm personal friendship, and so recent and sudden has been his death, that the very mention of his name recalls the sharp and bitter pang with which its first announcement fell upon me. Of his long and varied services in all the Masonic bodies of New Haven; of the grace and dignity with which he presided over their deliberations; of his perfect and critical knowledge of all their Rituals, and of that warm enthusiastic love for the Fraternity, which was the main-spring and actuating principle of all he did, time fails me here to speak, even were such mention necessary. Of his Masonic work, may it truly be said, as was said of another, ‘there was nothing he did not touch, and nothing he touched which he did not adorn.’ To the Craft of New Haven his loss may well seem irreparable, and while they bow with resignation to the decree of Him

who doeth all things well, never, while life lasts, from the hearts of the great host of those who knew and loved him shall fade the memory of our dear Companion, Dan. A. Davison."

The name of Companion Dan. A. Davison was well known to many members of this Grand Chapter. He was one of a party of Masons who, in 1878, journeyed abroad, and during the few weeks we were thrown together we found in him an exemplary Mason, an upright man, a firm and steadfast friend.

The Grand High Priest gives some useful hints to the members of his Subordinate Chapters, which it would be well to learn by heart.

"The High Priest of a Chapter should not only be a man of good morals, and fair standing in the community in which he lives, he should not only be a zealous Mason, and anxious to promote the best interests of the Chapter over which he is called to preside; but he should also be especially careful to preserve our Ritual, and ceremonies in their purity and integrity. He should always bear in mind, that to him, for the time being, is committed the work promulgated by the Grand Chapter, and that he is to regard it as his special trust. He should remember that the Grand Chapter alone is responsible for the work adopted and set forth, and that it is not within his province to add to, or take from, or in any particular change this Ritual committed to his charge. He should not only be careful that his own use and rendering of this Ritual are in strict conformity to the standard, but he should exact the same care and correctness from his subordinates.

"Especially should he be careful to see that nothing is allowed in conferring the Degrees that shall annoy or offend the most fastidious candidate. That the Degrees of Past Master and the Royal Arch, those fields where liberty, if not restrained and guided, is so apt to degenerate into license, are preserved from that levity and roughness which mar the work, and destroy the usefulness of so many Chapters. He should instruct his Companions that to teach the duties appertaining to the Chair, is not to insult or maltreat those we are professing to teach. That to exemplify the lesson of humility, is not to degrade the candidate to the reptile's crawling. That to illustrate the rough and rugged path of

life, is not to reduce our ceremonies to the level of a college hazing. I charge you my Companions on whose heads rests the High Priest's mitre, be swift to rebuke all untimely levity and trifling, with those who are receiving the beautiful lessons of the Chapter. Our candidates seek to be exalted to the sublime, let them not be degraded to the ridiculous."

Companion John H. Barlow presents the Report on Foreign Correspondence. Among other jurisdictions reviewed is Pennsylvania, for 1879. We are called upon to reply to the following:

"We think that when the Grand Council, having the lawful authority over the Degrees, voluntarily surrenders them to the Chapter, to be conferred in a lawful Council, in and by authority of said Chapter, 'they are not clandestine.' 'We oppose the union' for reasons given in former reports, not that they are conferred by unlawful authority."

A Grand Council is but an integral part of the Cryptic System, and has no more right to vote away its authority over the Council Degrees than has your Grand Chapter the right to surrender its control over the Capitular Degrees, to Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons. The latter has a much more plausible claim than the former can ever have, for Grand Lodges originally were the possessors of the Royal Arch Degree, but having surrendered all control over the same, more than one hundred years ago, it is not within the power of man to bring it back, to what it was, without an annulling of all the obligations which bind us to one another.

DELAWARE.

The twelfth Annual Convocation was held in Wilmington, on January 21, 1880. Six Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest, remarking on the subject of non-payment of dues, says:

"Now, while there may be a few, who cannot pay their dues, because of inability, there is a very large class composing the membership of our Chapters—returned annually to this Grand Chapter as members in good standing, who have not

paid one cent of dues for years. These very same persons are honest and just in their transactions with the outside world; yet they fail just here to comprehend the obligations which they assumed in entering upon a Masonic life. The time has come when Masons should understand, that no man can be a true Mason who neglects this important duty—and who, while he lives in the enjoyment of the benefits it affords, refuses to contribute towards its support.

“I hope the Companions will pardon me, if I relate just here, an anecdote, which has an important bearing upon this question of non-payment of dues.

“On one occasion a minister was taking up a collection for some object connected with his church, and towards which a very few contributed, while a very large number gave nothing. The minister hearing the true state of the case, politely requested those who had not contributed, to arise and unite in singing that good old hymn, ‘I am glad Salvation’s free.’

“I am afraid there are too many among us, who not only believe in a free salvation, but in a *free* Masonry as well. Now, this state of things is all wrong, and ought not to be suffered longer, for he who will not pay, ought not to eat. And the sooner we get rid of this class of Masons, the better it will be for all concerned.”

He makes the following recommendation, which has proved impracticable in the jurisdiction in which it originated; we refer to Iowa.

“As the preparation of a Report on Foreign Correspondence involves a vast amount of labor, which as a general thing has to be performed by the Chairman of the Committee alone; and as it is not always possible to find a Companion willing to devote so much time as is required to this important work; I would recommend that the Representatives of other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter, be constituted a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, whose duty it shall be to review the proceedings of the Grand Chapter which they represent.”

Here is something to be considered by those who are in favor of the surrendering of the Council Degrees. Would it not be as well to have added the Orders of Knighthood to the recommendations?

“As very few Companions within this jurisdiction have received the Council Degrees, and as there are a great many

who desire to do so, I would recommend the appointment of a Special Committee of Three, to whom this matter shall be referred, and whose duty it shall be to report at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, a plan that shall provide for the conferring of these Degrees in connection with the Chapters, and yet without additional expense to those receiving them."

There is a rare opportunity for some one to make himself famous or ——

The following resolutions were submitted and lost:

"*Resolved*, That when members of Subordinate Chapters are in arrears two years or more, such Chapters may, at their pleasure, omit their names in their report to the Grand Chapter, until such time as such arrearages are paid, and in case of the payment of the same, the Chapter shall pay the arrearages due the Grand Chapter.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Representatives appointed by other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of the State of Delaware be a Committee on Correspondence, whose duty it shall be to report on the proceedings of the Body they represent."

The following was adopted:

"On motion, the Grand High Priest was instructed to prepare and present to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, at the next Triennial Convocation, a memorial, representing the hardship under which two Chapters in this jurisdiction are now laboring, owing to the passage of the resolution, requiring that there shall be present nine regular Royal Arch Masons, *members of the* Subordinate Chapter, before any business can be transacted, or *work* done. And he was further instructed to ask such modification of said resolution as will allow Convocations for business or work, when nine regular Royal Arch Masons are present."

The law in Pennsylvania is, that three can open a Chapter for the despatch of business, but the Degrees cannot be conferred unless there be six Royal Arch Masons present.

Companions Wm. G. W. Lewis, George W. Stone and J. P. Allmond, presented the Report on Correspondence, in which the receipt of the proceedings of Pennsylvania is acknowledged.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

A Special Convocation held on March 31, 1879, in Washington City, for the exemplification of the Mark and Past Master's Degree.

Another Special was held on April 29, 1879, for the exemplification of the Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees, all the Degrees being exemplified by the Grand Visitor and Lecturer.

The Semi-Annual Convocation was held on June 11, 1879. Seven Chapters represented. Nothing of importance transacted.

The Annual Convocation was held on December 10, 1879. Eight Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his annual address, referring to solicitation of candidates to join Chapters, says :

"I have been frequently asked whether I considered it un-Masonic to invite a Master Mason to apply for the Capitular Degrees. I simply desire to say that the position assumed by our Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in connection with this subject, in their report for the year 1877, appears to me materially correct. Being well satisfied of the unblemished moral character and unswerving integrity of the Brother, there is nothing un-Masonic in extending a courteous invitation to complete his Masonic edifice as a builder in all the courts, chambers and arches of our Mystic Temple.

"Our Mark Master is apparently a complement to the Fellow Craft, and our Royal Arch a consummation of the Master Mason's Degree of the Blue Lodge; and I cannot think that it would be even fair to our Brother that we should silently lay our hands on our doors and close them to the 'worthy and well qualified;' and the rule which the Master Mason follows towards those whom he calls 'profane,' loses its force and effect when applied to the seeker after 'further light in Masonry.'"

The Grand Chapter publishes the financial condition of Subordinate Chapters.

Companion Noble D. Larner furnishes the Report on Correspondence, reviewing thirty-nine Chapters, Pennsylvania, for 1878, included.

Speaking of the Council Degrees, he says :

“ We dissent from the views here expressed by Companion Meyer, and ask him to give us his authority for calling the Council Degrees *higher Degrees*. Where and when were they ever termed higher Degrees? They originally belonged to the Chapter, were worked in the body of the Chapter, same as the Master Mason's Degree, and are now, properly speaking, a part and parcel of the Chapter Degrees, and are necessary to make them complete; whereas, the Red Cross and Templar Orders have no connection with the Chapter Degrees, and are not essential in any manner to shed light on those Degrees. If the Grand Chapter of Texas has not the right to legislate on this subject, and direct what Degrees shall be conferred by its Subordinates, pray tell us who has ?

To which *we must dissent*. Ancient Masonry consisted of *four* Degrees—Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason and the Holy Royal Arch, which was known as the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry. Latterly, the Mark and Most Excellent have been added to the Capitular Degrees and are made the Fourth and Sixth Degrees, and these, with the official Degree of Past Master or Installed Master, constitute what is known as the American System.

The General Grand Chapter of the United States, the source from which the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia derives its existence, says that the Royal Arch System, to be practiced by all Grand and Subordinate Chapters under its existence, shall consist of *only* the Mark, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees. It has declared years ago, and again reiterated its declaration then made, that the Cryptic or Council Degrees never had a shadow of claim to be considered a part of the Capitular System of this country, and therefore, they are known, world wide, as the *higher Degrees*, being ranked by those who manufactured them as the Eighth and Ninth Degrees of the American Rite. They ought to have known what they were doing. It is all nonsense to speak of the legends of these Degrees being a part of those of the Royal Arch Degree. The same might be said of the Red Cross of the Templar

System, which contains more true information to a Royal Arch Mason than does either of the Council Degrees.

We say this in all seriousness, that neither the Grand Chapter of Texas, or District of Columbia, or Delaware, or any other Grand Chapter, having in view the obligations which made them what they profess to be—Royal Arch Masons—can honorably or conscientiously have anything at all to do with these Degrees being worked in the Chapters.

THE GRAND MARK LODGE OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

The proceedings of this Active Grand Body to June 1, 1880, has reached us. We are pleased to note the Masonic spirit, and we might say, enthusiasm manifested in this comparatively young Grand Body. Its career is truly remarkable when we consider the obstacles thrown in the way of its existence, caused by the strict construction of the Articles of Union of 1813.

The meeting of December 2, 1879, was largely attended. Two new provincial Grand Lodges were reported as being formed, viz., Tunis and Malta, Berks and Oxen.

The only obstacle to their peace and harmony was removed by the recognition of Grand Mark Lodge by the Grand Chapter of Scotland. Until this was done, the Grand Chapter of Scotland claimed and exercised the right of establishing Mark Lodges in English territory.

The Grand Mark Lodge now numbers a membership in its Subordinates of 13,514 Mark Masters.

FLORIDA.

The thirty-fourth Annual Convocation held in Jacksonville on January 20, 1880. Nine Chapters represented.

Business only of a local nature.

GEORGIA.

The fifty-eighth Annual Convocation held in Atlanta, on April 28, 1880. Thirty-one Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest refers to the moral duties of Royal Arch Masons, etc.

Business only of local nature.

INDIANA.

All we have before us is the Appendix of the Proceedings, containing the Report of Companion "Thomas B. Long, Correspondent," on Foreign Correspondence. He writes a very readable report, reviewing nearly every Grand Chapter, Pennsylvania being for 1879. If we considered it a part of our duty, as the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to recite the opinions of the several Reporters of each others' reports, we could fill a volume; we, however, consider that our duty commences and ends with the actual proceedings of the Grand Chapters, and so much of the Reports on Correspondence as relates to Pennsylvania.

IOWA.

The twenty-sixth Annual Convocation was held in Waterloo, October 21, 1879. Sixty Chapters represented.

The action of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, in assuming control over the Council Degrees, begins to cause trouble, as witness the decisions of the Grand High Priest:

"First Query.—'Can a Chapter refuse to confer the Council Degrees upon any Companion who is in arrears for dues for more than one year? Is he entitled to them under the Constitution?'

"Answer.—A Chapter cannot refuse to confer the Degrees of Royal and Select Master upon a member thereof merely because of his being in arrears for dues, unless charges are preferred against him. (See Art. II, 'Plan of Consolidation.')

"Fifth Query.—'Is it the right of every member of a Chapter to have the Council Degrees without a ballot?'

*“Answer.—*Yes. A ballot for the Degrees of Royal and Select Master is unnecessary in the Chapter. (See Art. II, ‘Plan of Consolidation.’)

“Sixth Query.—‘Can a Royal Arch Mason who has been refused membership in a Chapter on his dimit receive the Council Degrees?’

*“Answer.—*No. None but affiliated Royal Arch Masons are entitled to the Degrees of Royal and Select Master. (See Art. IV, ‘Plan of Consolidation.’)

“Seventh Query.—‘Does a Companion Royal Arch Mason have all the rights and benefits of the Chapter of which he is a member without taking the Council Degrees?’

*“Answer.—*Certainly; but could not be permitted to sit in a Council of Royal and Select Masters.

“Eighth Query.—‘Can a Chapter in this State confer the Council Degrees upon a member of a Chapter in Illinois?’

*“Answer.—*No; unless the Chapter in Illinois waives jurisdiction and permits the Chapter in this State to confer the Degrees.

“Ninth Query.—‘Can a Royal Arch Mason, who has received a part of the Council Degrees previous to the consolidation, and who has since dimitted from the Chapter with the intention of leaving the State, receive the balance of the Council Degrees in the Chapter of which he was formerly a member?’

*“Answer.—*It would be proper, under the circumstances, to confer the balance of the Council Degrees upon the Companion, unless objections were made in the Chapter, and I granted Dispensation to convene the Chapter for that purpose.

“Fourteenth Query.—‘Is any Companion eligible to office in a Chapter who has not received the Council Degrees?’

“Answer.—‘Yes. There is nothing in the ‘Plan of Consolidation’ that forbids or bars any member of a Chapter from holding office therein, and until legislation on the subject shall provide otherwise, officers may be elected as heretofore, without reference to their having received the Council Degrees.’”

He very properly decided that an objection to a candidate, made to a retiring High Priest, held good with the incoming High Priest.

He favors the conferring of the Royal Arch Degrees upon a Master Mason who has lost all of his right hand except the thumb and forefinger. Comment is unnecessary, when he cannot by any means prove himself to be a Mark Master Mason.

The resolution adopted at the last Annual Convocation, dispensing with the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, was declared *unconstitutional, and null and void*.

The Grand Secretary prides himself on the large number of Companions who had received the Cryptic Degrees under the Chapter Warrants—some 949, and says that number would never have received them in separate Councils. Of course not; it was free to all, and they might as well take them as not. It was so handy to have in the Chapter. Companion Langridge, don't you think the number would have been larger if they had been conferred in Blue Lodges? The Master Mason has more just claim to receive the Royal and Select Degrees than a Royal Arch Mason.

The Grand Representatives from Foreign Grand Chapters to the Grand Chapter of Iowa presented reports on the jurisdictions which they represented.

Companion Clark Varnum, as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, thus speaks of us:

“At the February Quarterly, held February 7th, 1878, the M. E. Grand High Priest, Alfred R. Potter, was unable to attend on account of sickness. The Grand Chapter opened at six o'clock and five minutes, P. M. Nineteen Chapters were represented. The Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada was received and recognized; an Amendment to the Constitution was proposed; and the order of High Priesthood conferred. *In order, no doubt, to prevent the Companions from becoming exhausted with long and tedious labors, the Grand Chapter was closed at seven o'clock and thirty-three minutes, p. m., having been in session just one hour and twenty-eight minutes.*”

The Italics are ours. Does Companion Varnum intend to be witty or sarcastic? would he kindly let the Grand High of Pennsylvania know.

Again, he says:

“At the May Quarterly, nineteen Chapters were represented. The Grand Chapter of Quebec was recognized and welcomed. P. G. High Priest Charles E. Meyer moved that the annual proceedings be printed without the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but his motion did not prevail. *The presence of the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion Alfred R. Potter, could be discerned from the report of this meeting by the most casual reader, and that, too, without examining the list of officers; his handiwork being noticeable in dispatching business with such celerity as to avoid a lengthy session like the one in February, the Grand Chapter being closed in just forty minutes from the time of convening it.*”

Italics again ours; and again the query.

Again we must quote:

“At the August Quarterly, held August 1st, 1878, fourteen Chapters sent Representatives. Returns were received from several Chapters, and the Amendment to the Constitution, proposed at the February Quarterly, was adopted. *Closed at eight o'clock, p. m., having been in session just forty-five minutes.*”

Italics again ours: and again the query.

Again we must quote:

“They have fourteen D. D. Grand High Priests in Pennsylvania, but of *what use they can be, even conjecture cannot assist us to determine*, for the M. E. Grand High Priest makes mention of having visited nearly every Subordinate, inspecting their work, suggesting to and advising with the officers and Companions as to their duties, and encouraging all to go forward in the good work.”

Italics again ours. We would advise our Representative to inquire first, and become familiar with the doings of the Grand Chapter he represents, before rushing into print.

Again we quote:

“The able and interesting Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the facile pen of Companion Charles E. Meyer, P. G. High Priest, and the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Iowa near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. Was he appointed to write that report because, at the May

Quarterly preceding, he had the temerity to move to publish the proceedings without it? Is that a new way of wreaking vengeance in Pennsylvania? We give it up."

If Companion Varnum would carefully read on pages 22 and 37, he would learn that Companion Meyer was not Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence for 1878: nor was he connected with the Committee. It was only at the urgent request of Grand High Priest Potter, made on Nov. 25, 1878, that the report was prepared.

Again:

"Companion Meyer, in his report of Iowa, says that the reason Pennsylvania Royal Arch Masons do not, and Iowa Royal Arch Masons do, attend Grand Chapter, is because Iowa pays mileage and Pennsylvania does not. Wrong! Companion Meyer, wrong. Iowa Royal Arch Masons love too well their annual feast of tabernacles to abandon it if the trivial sum given to equalize distances should be cut off. We suspect the beam is in Pennsylvania's eye; that their average representation of only about fifteen per cent. of the Subordinates needs explaining. Explain away; Iowa gives you leave.

"Taken altogether, we have nothing but words of praise for Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania. It presents an age, an ability, and a thrift 'equalled by few, excelled by none.'"

We are glad that Companion Ercanbrack will again assume the Chairmanship of Foreign Correspondence.

IRELAND.

We have before us a four-paged circular, with list of Grand Officers of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland for 1880. Stated Convocations are held at Freemason's Hall, Dublin, on the following Wednesdays, Feb. 4, May 5, June 30 and Nov. 3d. The Grand Chapter has in trust \$6,000, and in bank \$225. Four new Warrants were granted in 1879, and two returned. The fee for Warrant in Dublin District is \$50, in the country \$25. A Warrant is granted to nine Companions; all of whom must be Mark Master Masons, at least five years

registered as Master Masons, and subscribing members of Irish Lodges. The King (or High Priest) must be either an actual Master, or past Master of a Craft Lodge.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason is worked only under the jurisdiction and protection of Royal Arch Warrants.

KANSAS.

The fifteenth Annual Convocation held in Leavenworth, Kansas, on October 14, 1879. Thirty Chapters represented.

It appears that the Grand High Priest moved out of the jurisdiction during the year, and the question was raised of his exercising the prerogative of issuing Dispensations while out of the jurisdiction. The Grand High Priest argues the point thusly :

“*Fourth.*—Does a removal from a jurisdiction vacate the office of Grand High Priest? In reference to this question there is a diversity of opinion. Some claim that a removal from the jurisdiction does vacate an office, while others of even greater authority say that it does not, unless there is express legislation to that effect, and, even then, it is not good Masonic law. My own opinion, after a careful study of the whole subject, is that the office of Grand High Priest, like that of High Priest of a Subordinate Chapter, can be vacated in only one of three ways—by the expiration of the term of office, by death, or by discipline. Lying at the foundation of this idea is the *well established* Masonic principle, that ‘an officer in a Grand or Subordinate Lodge, when duly installed, holds his office until his successor *is installed*.’ This is the law in twenty-one Grand Lodges, including our own. The principle here announced is alike applicable to the officers of the Chapter, as well as to the Lodge, since the laws of Capitular Masonry are derived from those of the Lodge. The next important fact that confronts us, in the consideration of this question, is that *there is no general rule respecting a vacancy in the highest office of a Grand jurisdiction*; hence Chase, in his Digest of Masonic Law, says, ‘There does not appear to be any well-defined, general rule touching a vacancy in the *Chair* of a Grand Lodge.’ Mackey, in his work on Jurisprudence, claims, that ‘An office terminates in Masonry only in *three ways—by the expiration of the term, by death, or by*

expulsion.’ If these are general principles of Masonic law, as they are claimed to be, then the removal of a Grand High Priest from the jurisdiction does not vacate his office, unless there is a special clause to that effect in the laws of the Grand Chapter over which he was elected to preside. In some jurisdictions there are such laws; but the great majority of both Grand Chapters and Grand Lodges have no such law. *Our Grand Chapter has no such law*; hence there has been no vacancy in the office of Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter during the past year.

“We admit that there may be a *suspension* of the functions of office, during the time of removal. Nothing more than this exist, in the absence of express legislation upon this subject. Even when an officer removes from the jurisdiction with the express ‘intention never to return, it is impossible, in the uncertainty of human events, to say how far that intention will be fulfilled;’ and if he should return, ‘it would at once become not only his privilege, but his duty to resume the discharge of the functions of his office.’ This is in complete harmony with the provisions of Article III, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter. Section 2d provides that, ‘in case of the death, *absence*, or inability of the M. E. Grand High Priest, the power and duties of his station shall devolve upon the Deputy Grand High Priest, etc.;

while it is expressly stated in Section 1st, that ‘The Grand High Priest, *if present, shall preside at all meetings* of the Grand Chapter.’ The functions of his office are simply *suspended* during his *absence*, but may and should be resumed when he returns. No *vacancy* of office is even hinted at, in the Constitution, so far as the Grand High Priest is concerned.

“An election to the office of Grand High Priest is a contract entered into in the most solemn manner, in the name of God, and is binding upon both parties to the contract. The one who is elected, however, receives his office with the restrictions and limitations of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Regulations which are in force at the time of the election. Beyond any doubt this Grand Chapter has the sole authority to specify the conditions upon which the Grand High Priest shall exercise the functions of his office; provided only, that the landmarks of the Fraternity are not infringed; and, in view of the important questions which have just been considered, additional legislation on this subject may be advisable.”

Companion John M. Price writes the Report on Correspondence, reviewing thirty-nine Grand Chapters, Pennsylvania, for 1878, being of the number.

KENTUCKY.

The sixty-fourth Annual Convocation was held in Louisville, October 20, 1879. Seventy-three Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, recommends two Masonic Mutual Life or Beneficial Associations.

Business of local nature only.

Companion Howard A. M. Henderson furnished report on Correspondence. This is the way he reviews our proceedings of 1878:

"The Deputy Grand High Priest does the moralizing. He laments the tendency to modernize Masonry, and most justly. There are not wanting those who would 'gild refined gold, paint the lily,' perfume the rose, and hold rush-lights to the sun. We never hear these rhetoricians mouthing their gingerbread without a secret loathing. Unadorned Masonry is the most sublime. As well terrace the Alps and Appenines as to attempt decorating the rugged grandeur of our Ancient Ritual. It reminds us of a preacher we once heard 'paraphrasing' the first chapter of Genesis. 'In undertaking the sublime task of creation God began by speaking the creative word, and the garnished heavens and the verdant earth uprose beneath his omnific fiat, and the world was an unsubstantial shade, and the void of emptiness,' etc. Bosh!"

Companion Henderson has evidently got his review of the Grand Chapters mixed, for *we* have no "Deputy Grand High Priest."

LOUISIANA.

The thirty-third Annual Convocation held in New Orleans, Feb. 10, 1880. Eleven Chapters represented.

Business only of a local nature.

Companion Horner made a verbal Report on Correspondence, and submitted suggestions as to a contemplated report of that Committee. We live in hopes of some day seeing it.

MAINE.

The fifty-fifth Annual Convocation held in Portland, May 4, 1880. Thirty-seven Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest made the following decisions:

“1. The relations of a Companion in a Chapter are not affected by his having been suspended from membership in a Lodge for non-payment of dues.

“2. An objection made to a High Priest to the acceptance of a candidate, is to be treated as a rejection by ballot, and holds good for the same length of time, viz: six months.”

On the treatment of candidates, he says:

“In teaching the lesson of humility, a candidate should never be reduced to the reptile's vile crawling. Man, of all God's creatures, was made to walk erect, and thus is displayed his royalty over all animate beings. To ‘stoop low’ it is not necessary to degrade. Every High Priest should be careful and swift to rebuke any attempt to trifle with a candidate. There is a mock kind of humility which is to be reprobated as much as the most pharisaical haughtiness. However humble a man should be before his God, he should have enough of self-respect to enable him to carry his head erect along the path of life, never bowing it except in those gentle courtesies which characterize the finest social amenities.”

Companions Josiah H. Drummond and John S. Derby reported on Foreign Correspondence; among the Grand Chapters reported on we find Pennsylvania, for 1879.

In reply to our remarks on the “suspension” question, in last year's report, he says:

“We concede the right of Pennsylvania to hold Masons while in her jurisdiction subject to her laws; but what we deny is, her right to say that a Mason made unaffiliated by the laws of Maine was thereby either expelled or suspended from his Masonic rights. In other words, the *status* which any proceedings under the laws of Maine give him in Maine is his *status* everywhere, so far as those proceedings are concerned. The dangerous attack upon the rights of other Grand Chapters is, the giving of the action of such Grand Chapters a different effect from what they themselves give it.

“Now, as to the first paragraph quoted: We supposed,

when we wrote our report of last year, that Comp. M—— had made the blunder of confounding suspension from membership with suspension from all Masonic rights. If he understood the distinction made in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and other jurisdictions, between the two, we marvel much that he should write as he did. The first clause of the preamble *is not true*, and we could account for his writing it only by supposing he had made a ‘gross blunder.’ However, we withdraw all our statements about *how* it happened, and give our attention to *what is written*.

“But before we do so, we wish to notice one error which we made last year. We challenged him ‘to find an instance that there was such a thing as *compulsory* dues prior to the anti-Masonic storm.’ He says one Pennsylvania Lodge made dues compulsory in 1787, and shows that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as early as 1801, recognized *expulsion* for non-payment of dues, and that other Grand Lodges, from 1804 to 1820, did the same thing. We were led into the error by the opposite practice and law in England before the independence of our Grand Lodges: that of Massachusetts from 1733, that of New Hampshire from 1756, and that of Maine from 1769. The position taken last year was not at all necessary for our argument, as the usage of Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, for more than one hundred years, was all that was necessary for our purpose.

“To return: the statement in the first clause of the preamble *is not true*. No Grand Chapter in the United States has declared that a Companion suspended by his Lodge of Master Masons for non-payment of dues is not suspended in his Chapter, etc.; on the contrary, they have invariably declared that a Companion suspended for any cause by his Lodge is suspended in his Chapter, giving to the suspension by the Lodge the same effect that the laws of the Grand Lodge give it.

“Grand Chapters *have* decided, that inasmuch as suspension *from membership* for any cause by a Lodge, under the laws of the Grand Lodge, leave him an unaffiliated Mason in good standing; his standing in the Chapter is not affected thereby. The Chapter *never* questions the act of the Lodge, but gives effect to the Lodge law as expounded by the Lodge. But Pennsylvania is not willing for us to do so; she wishes us to question such act of the Lodge, and give it a different effect from that which the Lodge gives.

“ Now, we submit that if the Chapter may vary the effect of the action of the Lodge *one way, it may the other* ; and, on the same principle, may declare expulsion or suspension from Masonic rights to be merely unaffiliation. If we undertake to vary the effect of the action of the Lodge in *any* way from that which the law of the Lodge gives, it is a dangerous attack upon the rights of the Lodge.

“ Companion Meyer further says :

“ ‘ Pennsylvania Royal Arch Masonry, in its government, is somewhat after the English style, and a Royal Arch Mason suspended from his Lodge for any cause whatsoever is *ipso facto* suspended from his membership in the Chapter, and the Chapter cannot question for one moment the action of the Lodge. Still further : should he resign, dimit or withdraw from the Lodge, and remain unaffiliated for a period of six months, he at once ceases to be a member of his Chapter.

“ But in most other jurisdictions such law does not prevail in relation to unaffiliated Masons ; will Pennsylvania follow the logic of her recent action, and declare that Companions from Maine, who have been unaffiliated for six months in their Lodge, are also unaffiliated in their Chapter, because such is the law in Pennsylvania ?

“ He says the non-payment of dues is a Masonic offence ; well, suppose it is, does he deny the right of any Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter to prescribe any other penalty for it than suspension or expulsion ? And if one does, can he say that in doing so, such Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter is guilty ‘ *of a violation of Masonic law, and gives countenance to suspended Masons?* ’

“ We can put the whole question in a nut shell, and we fraternally ask Companion Meyer to answer the following questions :

“ Suppose the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania should enact (as the Grand Lodge of Maine has done) that the only penalty for non-payment of dues should be deprivation of membership, and that any one thus deprived of membership might be received as a visitor in all Lodges : would the Grand Chapter *obey* this edict, or would it declare that the Grand Lodge had violated ‘ Masonic law and usage, and was giving countenance to suspended Masons ? ’ Has the Grand Chapter of Maine the right to declare that the action of the Grand Lodge is un-Masonic ?

“Other illustrations might be given ; but we think we have given enough to show that this recent action of Pennsylvania, whether so intended or not, is for the purpose of *forcing* the Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters of other States to adopt *her* law, rather than *their own*.”

In reply, we would say that we fully discussed this question last year and do not deem it necessary to waste any more words about it.

There is but one Masonry and that is universal. It is founded upon those ancient charges, which declare that a Mason agrees to be a good man and true and strictly to obey the moral law.

In Pennsylvania, Royal Arch Masonry is firmly grounded on Ancient Craft Masonry. Companion Drummond's question is unnecessary to answer, as the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has declared that there can be no qualified suspension in Masonry.

To state our position plainly, we would say that in Pennsylvania the Grand Chapter holds that a Companion who will not pay his Lodge dues, and is suspended, that he by his own act suspends himself in the Chapter of which he was a member. Now, if that is the law in regard to a Pennsylvania Royal Arch Mason, the same law governs all within the jurisdiction. We will not open the doors to a suspended Mason from Maine which are firmly closed to one from our own jurisdiction. Such action and such Masonry would be a farce, a travestie.

In ancient Masonry the punishment was suspension or expulsion, plain and unmistakable; in modern Masonry, it is suspension from *membership*, which means whatever construction our learned Masonic writers may put upon it, or it may mean nothing but a dishonest way to sever your connection with our ancient and honorable Fraternity.

We believe and hold to “ancient” Masonry, which does not seek or need to *force* its opinions upon others.

And now, after having finished Maine, we are reminded that on this day at 12 o'clock, Meridian, Washington time, we are called to drink the 'Wass Heil,' with all our Companions of the Reportorial Corps throughout the world; as the liquid thrills through our body we can almost hear the glasses clink in harmony with "Masonry around the Globe."

MARYLAND.

Annual Convocation held in Baltimore, November 1, 1879. Seven Chapters represented.

Business principally of local nature.

Companion E. T. Shultz presents Report on Foreign Correspondence; among the jurisdictions reviewed is Pennsylvania, 1878.

MASSACHUSETTS.

This Grand Chapter, like Pennsylvania, holds Quarterly Communications in March, June, September and December. At the March Convocation, the subordinate or appointed officers and D. D. Grand High Priests are installed, and the Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address reports. This address was delivered at the Convocation the previous December. In the report before us, the Committee indorse the views of the Grand High Priest on the importance of "appointing Chaplains in all" our "Chapters; Chaplains, who will not only '*point* to Heaven, but *lead the way*.'" This Grand Chapter has \$7,368.80 in the Treasurer's hands. At the September Convocation, the Grand High Priest presented the following address:

"COMPANIONS:—Although it is unusual for the Grand High Priest to inflict any formal remarks upon the Grand Chapter, except at the Annual Convocation, I feel that it is my duty at this time to briefly call your attention to a radical defect in the practical workings of a portion of our Constitution, and suggest some recommendations looking towards a nearer approach to perfection.

"Those of you who have attended the meetings of the Grand Chapter for the past few years must have noticed that it is

not an uncommon occurrence for a complaint to be brought before us by one Chapter charging a sister Chapter with working on rejected material, without first obtaining the consent of the Chapter holding jurisdiction, according to Article XVIII of the General Regulations. The appointment of Committees and a rigid investigation usually results in ascertaining the fact that the trespass was unintentional, and was due to excess of zeal on the part of some member of the offending Chapter; sometimes it is the candidate's sponsor, or the Secretary, or even the High Priest himself. The clandestine Royal Arch Mason is healed, the warring Chapters clasp hands, and the schism terminates. The question then arises, whence the cause of this annual or biennial violation of the plain and unerring regulations of Royal Arch Masonry? The invariable answer is returned that the candidate failed to state in his application that he had once or twice or thrice before applied for the Degrees, and had been as often rejected. Is Article XIV of the General Regulations defective then? The Form of Application closes thus:

“‘I have ——— before applied for the Degrees.’

“To all English-speaking Masons it would seem to be tolerably clear that if the candidate had *never* before applied, he would write the word ‘never’ in the blank space, and that if he had ever put in an application before, he would write ‘once,’ ‘twice,’ or ‘thrice,’ etc., as the case might be. The occasional complaints above alluded to, however, show us that although candidates can always write ‘*never*’ when the facts will admit of it, they find it very difficult to pen the words ‘once,’ ‘twice,’ etc., where previous rejections demand it; and if the Secretary or the High Priest are negligent and do not scan the application rigidly, a rejected candidate slips into the Order and trouble begins.

“The difficulty to which I now allude has occurred so frequently under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, that their ‘Form of Petition’ has been lately changed by vote so that it reads as follows:

“‘I have never before applied for initiation.

“‘I have before applied for initiation to ——— Lodge, located at ———, in the year 18—.

“‘[The form not used to be crossed out by the applicant.]’

“It would seem to be difficult to dodge this form, even at the instigation of designing sponsors, or by reason of the emotional color-blindness of weak and inefficient Secretaries or High Priests.

"A change which has thus far well-recommended itself to me, is the following:

"In Article XIV of the General Regulations, after the words 'I have———before applied for said Degrees,' insert 'to —— Royal Arch Chapter.' Below this should be added the following, or something similar:

"[The candidate shall state the exact truth (or the entire facts, if the former phrase seems *too* harsh).

"If he has *never* before applied, he shall insert the words '*never*' and '*any*' respectively in the blank spaces. If he has *before* applied he shall insert the *number* of times and the *name* of the Chapter or Chapters respectively in the blank spaces.]

"Even when a rejected candidate's papers are clear, and the necessary permission (General Regulations, Article XV,) and recommendation (General Regulations, Article XVIII,) have been secured, I consider the facility with which he may be proposed, given to a Committee, a favorable report received, a ballot taken, and the Degrees conferred, to be a crying evil, and one demanding instant correction; *e. g.* An applicant may be rejected on a certain night, in a certain Chapter; fourteen days later (the shortest possible constitutional time) in a sister Chapter he may be seated, at the close of the meeting, a Royal Arch Mason; and the very next night, it may be, enter the former Chapter, who had declined to exalt him, as a visitor. This process, roughly but tersely termed 'rushing' him through the Degrees, is deserving of the sternest condemnation, except in the rarest instances of dire necessity. What adequate time has a Committee, living perhaps a hundred miles from the candidate's residence, to examine all the evidence *pro* and *con* relating to a *rejected* applicant? Under the circumstances the time is far too brief for due investigation of one *unstained* by rejection, much more so for one under a cloud. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge give us a hint worth noting, in the following language:

"'No candidate, whose application may be rejected by a Lodge, shall be proposed in any other Lodge under this jurisdiction within six months after such rejection.'

"This regulation I consider a wise one, and worthy of adoption by us in our own Constitution. If a Brother is worthy to become a Companion, six months will only serve to still further refine the gold and remove the dross, but if he is unworthy, the half year will stamp him only the more indelibly as false and unsuitable for our companionship.

“Chapters in many cases, I am convinced, resign their ownership in rejected candidates too readily. They are *their property*, and I think it is an open question whether nine members, ‘of whom the High Priest, King and Scribe shall be three,’ should have the power to give away a candidate to another Chapter which, perhaps, is not over-scrupulous, owing to dearth of work, and the presence of an itching palm.

“It has even been suggested to me that Article XVIII of the General Regulations, should be so far modified that a rejected candidate can apply to another Chapter only by a unanimous vote of the Chapter which rejected him. This rule, I conceive, would be too severe, however, and that a golden mean between *it* and the present Regulation may be attained; *e. g.* In Article XVIII strike out all between the words ‘to which he first applied,’ and ‘it shall be the duty,’ and insert the following: ‘without the permission of the Chapter which rejected him,’ which would require only a majority vote.

“Many of the before-mentioned changes seem to me not only imperative in the abstract, but also calculated to harmonize our regulations with those of the Grand Lodge, a desirable consummation in bodies so nearly allied in similarity of work and traditional customs.

With us, in Pennsylvania, a candidate rejected remains the sole property of the rejecting Chapter. A second ballot may be had in that Chapter, on motion duly made and seconded at one stated meeting and adopted at the next or subsequent stated meeting, but the ballot, so allowed, shall be taken at the next stated meeting after the adoption of such motion, and provided that due notice of the taking of such ballot shall be given to every member, and that said second ballot shall be taken within six months from the date of the first rejection; after that time, if again rejected, or the six months have elapsed and no ballot taken, there must be a motion in the Chapter for a new petition to be received, which must lay over for one month and then be unanimously adopted; the next month after the adoption of the motion a second ballot is had, which must be unanimously in favor of receiving the new petition—of the taking of this ballot the members must

have notice—the petition then comes to the Grand Chapter who grants it, the notice of the favorable action of the Grand Chapter is certified to the Subordinate Chapter when the new petition is received and referred to a Committee; at the next subsequent meeting the Committee report, when the ballot is taken and the Candidate is approved or rejected. This action must take place within six months; should the candidate be again rejected all further proceedings must cease. He, however, can apply to another Chapter, but before receiving the petition the new Chapter must ask permission from the Grand Chapter to do so, after having notified the rejecting Chapter of their desire to receive the petition.

At the Annual Convocation the Work was exemplified by the Grand Lecturer assisted by a number of Companions.

Companion J. W. Dadmum furnishes the Report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing, among the others, the proceedings of Pennsylvania, for 1878.

In reply to this question, “Must we understand Companion Meyer to say that a Mason can be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry without charges or trial?”

No! Our Lodges have By-Laws; these By-Laws have been printed; these By-Laws fix the amount of annual dues; these By-Laws tell the member he must pay dues, that when he owes a certain amount over one or two years' dues he *may* be suspended by the Lodge. Every member, on his admission, has sworn to obey these By-Laws, and as a testimony thereof has signed, with his own hand, his cheerful acquiescence with its requirements. If he fails to pay, a summons is issued to him, under the seal of the Lodge, for him to appear and show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues. If he has the slightest excuse (except negligence or indifference); such as poverty, ill health or temporary incapability to pay; any good Masonic reason to urge, his case is laid over, or, as in nearly every instance, his dues are remitted him and the past wiped out. If he fails to appear on the night designated in the summons, or, if he fails to give a valid excuse, he is suspended not only from

membership but all the rights and privileges of Masonry. This is the law in Pennsylvania.

There is no doubt about what the word "suspension" means. It cannot be qualified to mean anything else than the deprivation of all Masonic rights for the time being.

MICHIGAN.

The thirty-first Annual Grand Convocation held in Jackson, January 20-21, 1880. All the ninety-eight Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest reported the following curious case:

"1. *Question*.—'A Brother petitions the Chapter in due form. The Committee reports favorably, the ballot is spread and one black-ball appears. The High Priest orders a second ballot and declares the candidate rejected. A Companion then arose and stated that he cast the black-ball each time and did it for the purpose of eliciting discussion. The High Priest decided there could be no reconsideration. What can be done? Can you issue a Special Dispensation?'

"*Answer*.—The decision of the High Priest was correct. There could be no reconsideration; the candidate will have to wait the constitutional time and petition again.

"I would not issue a Special Dispensation, except for important reasons. A Companion thus trifling with the ballot, subjects himself to Masonic discipline, and should be dealt with by his Chapter."

The Companion should have been charged, tried and expelled before the Chapter closed that night.

Again:

"6. *Question*.—'Is it lawful for the High Priest or any other Companion to sign the name of a petitioner to a petition for admission, when it is known to him that the applicant can neither read or write?'

"*Answer*.—No. It is not lawful for the High Priest or any other Companion, Brother or friend, to sign the name of a petitioner to a petition, whether the party *can* or *cannot* read or write."

Our wonder is how the Brother, who could not write, could gain admission into the Blue Lodge without signing his petition.

Here is something for Companion Drummond's attention :

"9. *Question*.—' Does it affect the standing of a Royal Arch Mason to be a voluntary unaffiliated Master Mason?'

"*Answer*.—Yes. Grand Chapter Edict, No. 13, reads : 'After a Brother Companion receives the Chapter Degrees he must be a member in good standing in a Blue Lodge, and that in case he takes a dimit from his Lodge and voluntarily remains non-affiliated for the space of twelve months, he shall be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry.' "

There is only this difference between Pennsylvania and Michigan ; in Pennsylvania we only allow six months non-affiliation with a Blue Lodge to sever the Chapter membership.

Another case was brought before the Grand Chapter by the Grand High Priest :

"10. *Question*.—'A Companion belonging to our Chapter (not one the Council) called to see a man who was sick, and who claimed to be a Royal Arch Mason from the jurisdiction of Ohio. He aided him and wrote to the Chapter to which he claimed to belong, and received an answer that he was a suspended Mason. He still kept assisting him and finally presented his bill to the Chapter for payment. A Companion arose to a point of order, and after a little consideration, our High Priest declared the motion to pay the bill, out of order. Now, the following questions arise :

"1. 'Has any Companion a right, outside the Council, to assist any one, and present the bill to the Chapter for payment?'

"2. 'Is a bill incurred by assisting a suspended Mason, a proper one to be presented in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons?'

"3. 'Would not the Laws governing the Royal Craft sustain the decision of our High Priest?'

"To the above questions I answered as follows :

"1. No. Unless authorized by the Chapter or Council, a

Companion has no right to assist *anyone* and present his bill for the same to the Chapter.

"2. A bill incurred by a Companion, for assisting a suspended Mason, is not a proper bill to be presented to a Chapter for payment.

"3. The Laws governing the Royal Craft would sustain your High Priest in his decision."

He also decided :

"12. I also ruled that a petition in the hands of a Committee is the property of the Chapter, and cannot be amended, recalled or changed, except by the consent of the Chapter. If an applicant did not sign the petition it was not in due form.

"13. Should consider a Candidate who cannot read, doubtful material, but am of opinion it would not debar him from taking the Degrees, provided, as you say, he could sign his name."

A sum not exceeding \$1000 was appropriated for the expenses of the Meeting of the General Grand Chapter.

Companion Wm. P. Innes reports on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing Pennsylvania, for 1878.

MISSISSIPPI.

The thirty-second Annual Convocation held in Jackson February 2, 1880. Thirty-six Chapters represented.

This Grand Chapter was the first to introduce novelties in the body of Royal Arch Masonry, and as a result, since they have assumed the control of the Council Degrees, the membership has declined. With one hundred and ten Chapters, only thirty-six are working Chapters; eleven Warrants having been forfeited the past year.

The only way to have healthy Grand Chapters is to have a healthy treasury. The Companions will be willing to pay to make such a Grand Chapter, but when, out of \$1591 collected, nearly \$900 is paid for mileage and per diem for the members, not one cent of which goes back to the treasury of the Subordinate Chapters, it will be found that it is paying

very high for the attendance. In a review of a number of Grand Chapters, we find that the business transacted could all have been done creditably in one day, while the rule is to run it over two, three and four days; the per diem expenses are thus increased, and so the amount runs up.

The Committee to whom the matter was referred reported as follows :

Your Committee, although the matter is outside of our legitimate sphere, in the consideration of this report, have carefully considered the question of the cause of the alarming decrease in the numerical and financial strength of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction, and while we confess our inability to prescribe a remedy, yet the cause is apparent in the mania for co-operative assurance, which is now epidemic, not only in Mississippi, but elsewhere, to the manifest injury of our Order in its several branches. The secret societies that embrace in their system the feature of life insurance have placed their fees for degrees at a figure within the reach of all, giving their membership similar social advantages to those offered by ours, and in addition to this, the insurance clause. One of two things we conceive to be essential to arrest the decline of Capitular and Symbolic Masonry in this State, and they are, to reduce the fees at least fifty per cent. or incorporate into our Order, or attach to it, an insurance feature. Perhaps the remedy would be more effective were we to do both.

As the report was adopted, we may expect to find ere long the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, in addition to unlawfully conferring the Council Degrees, guaranteeing to insure the lives of its members at "fifty per cent." discount on the regular rates.

The minimum fee for Chapter Degrees was reduced from \$30 to \$20.

Companion P. M. Savery reports on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing Pennsylvania for 1878.

MISSOURI.

The thirty-third Annual Convocation held in St. Louis, May 6, 1880. Sixty Chapters represented.

In reference to the Report on Correspondence to the Grand Chapter of Colorado, noted in our report of 1878 (see page 66), the Grand High Priest speaks as follows :

“ My attention has been called to the fact that Companion William N. Byers, Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Colorado, and author of the Report on Foreign Correspondence made to the Grand Chapter of Colorado in 1878, after very briefly reviewing our proceedings in 1876 and 1877, devoted about as much space, in the same connection, to a spurious organization which he calls the ‘ First Independent African Grand Royal Arch Chapter,’ and which he recognizes as another Grand Chapter belonging to Missouri. As stated by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, this ‘ is an insult to every regular Grand Chapter in this country.’ It is especially an insult to this Grand Chapter which should not go unrebuked. The organization of which our Colorado Representative speaks, is not recognized by this or any other Grand Chapter as a legitimate body. Its existence was unknown to us until the Colorado Committee published it to the world. It does not claim even to be a Missouri institution, but has subordinates in Kentucky, Texas, Kansas, and may ere this have some in Colorado.

“ Our Colorado Representative must have been grossly ignorant, or else his review of that clandestine body, in connection with this Grand Chapter, was intended as an insult to the Grand Chapter of Missouri. In either event he is unworthy to longer represent us, and I recommend that his Commission as our Representative near the Grand Chapter of Colorado be revoked.”

The Grand Chapter subsequently adopted the following :

Your Committee recommend that this Grand Chapter approve of the suggestion made by the Grand High Priest as to revoking the Commission of Companion W. N. Byers as Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Colorado, and the appointment of some Companion whose Masonry is of a different *complexion* and *odor* in his place.

The Grand Chapter of Missouri seeks to be incorporated.

Companion Wm. H. Mayo reports on Correspondence, reviewing forty-one Grand Chapters, among others, Pennsylvania, for 1878.

NEBRASKA.

The thirteenth Annual Convocation held in Nebraska City, December 16, 1879. Eight Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest announced the abandonment of the requirement for Grand Representatives to furnish reports of the Grand Chapters they represent, and the return to the old custom of reports on Foreign Correspondence by a Committee. The report presented several years ago by M. E. Companion Thomas R. Patton, the Grand Representative of Nebraska near Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, has been widely copied, the only regret being that he had not time to continue it in the succeeding years.

The Grand High Priest of Nebraska says :

“ While I believe it would be all we have claimed for it, if our Grand Representatives did their duty, I am also of the opinion that it is not every Representative can write a good review of the Chapter he represents, and we do know there are Companions within this jurisdiction who are willing and have the ability to write a Report on Foreign Correspondence of which Nebraska may well feel proud.”

It was directed that all the Chapters should forward their By-Laws to the Grand Secretary for revision by a Committee.

The following was adopted:

“ *Resolved*, That all Commissions that may have been heretofore, or shall hereafter be granted, to Representatives of this Grand Chapter near sister Grand Chapters, shall, unless sooner revoked, expire with the meeting of the Annual Convocation of this Grand Body succeeding each Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States: *Provided*, however, that should no appointment be made, the Commission will continue in force until a successor is appointed.

“*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Body be and he is hereby directed to notify Sister Grand Bodies of the adoption of this resolution; that being informed thereof, they may govern themselves accordingly, by recommending some suitable Companion to be commissioned as Representatives near their respective Grand Bodies.’

“Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred the resolutions of Companion Wheeler, relative to the Commissions of our Excellent Companions Grand Representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters, would respectfully report:

“That we have had the same under consideration, and would recommend that the same be adopted.

“This recommendation, however, in case it shall prevail, is not to be construed as implying that this Grand Chapter is dissatisfied with the course of any Companion holding a Commission as Grand Representative of this Grand Chapter, or any desire to make a change, but simply to inform Sister Grand Chapters that they will be at liberty to recommend for appointment others of their members after a Commission has been borne for three years.

“And your Committee would recommend, as the sense of this Grand Chapter, that it is contrary to our views of propriety that any Companion who declines or neglects to share the burdens, should not wear the honors of Royal Arch Masonry, and we, therefore, request the Grand Secretaries of other jurisdictions to report at their earliest convenience whether any Companion holding a Commission as Grand Representative of this Grand Chapter near their own is a non-affiliate Royal Arch Mason, that his Commission, in such case, may be revoked.”

Also the following:

“*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to charge all Masons, not officials of Masonic Grand Bodies, residing outside of this jurisdiction, the sum of fifty cents per copy for each year’s proceedings of this Grand Chapter.”

Companion E. F. Warren writes on Foreign Correspondence. He reviews Pennsylvania, for 1878. He asks the question:

“Our Pennsylvania Companions begin their numbering of Chapters somewhat as an impecunious landlord did his

napkins—the first being 427. They have as high a number on the roll as 258, but only *five* whose numbers are less than 150. Where have the balance gone?”

And we answer, that prior to 1824 the Chapters in Pennsylvania worked under Blue Lodge Warrants or authority. Several such Chapters now in existence are: Jerusalem, No. 3, the oldest Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in America, No. 21, No. 43, No. 52, No. 91. From 147 the numbers run regularly.

On the blind question he says:

“He quotes our *blind case* at length, and calls it a ‘curious case, which exhibits an outrage upon Masonic landmarks,’ and says:

“‘We would advise all the lame, the halt, the blind, and all who are not physically able to do the work of Masonry, to go West, as we are led to believe from the above that the doors of some Masonic Lodges have been thrown wide open by Masonic *perjurers*. There is no better word to describe our meaning.’

“This is, indeed, strong language, but we are not prepared to say that they are unjust *in this particular case*, where one totally blind was initiated. It was not the case of one who was eligible when made a Mason, and who, by misfortune, had lost a leg—or even his head—subsequent thereto, but a case where he was as clearly ineligible as a woman would have been, or a young man in nonage or an old man in dotage. We don’t defend the Iowa brethren in their course, even though Brother Bacon is a most worthy man and no discredit to any Order. The question, however, is not whether he should have been admitted into the Lodge, but whether he should be advanced. We have expressed ourselves somewhat on this point under Kentucky.”

Again we quote from the report:

“Under Texas, in drawing a distinction, he states as a fact, or as his opinion, something upon which we want a little information:

“‘A Charter or Warrant arrested merely non-affiliates its members. A Charter suspended, its *members are suspended*.’

“Is that true? Do you mean that misconduct of a few, sufficient to warrant the suspension of a Charter, places every member in bad standing, and actually *suspends* him? Can a Mason be suspended without due trial? *Can* you discipline,

in that way, the whole body of a Lodge or Chapter? And while you are about it, Companion Meyer, please explain to us what difference, practical or theoretical, there is between the arresting and the suspending of a Charter?"

The difference is this: The Grand High Priest can arrest a Charter or Warrant; he cannot suspend it. He merely can take away the right or privilege of the Companions to meet together and do the work of Royal Arch Masons. Up to the time when he must report his action to the Grand Chapter, the Companions have all their privileges, except that of assembling together. The Grand Chapter examines into the cause of the arrest of the Charter or Warrant; admonishes or rebukes the officers, or reprimands the Companions, if necessary, or may return the Warrant to them, or may suspend it. The Grand Chapter alone has the power to suspend or vacate the Warrant, and when that is done, it is for un-Masonic conduct on the part of its members, and they are all suspended and remain so until the power that suspended removes the disability. A Grand Chapter, acting under its Constitution, *can actually* suspend a Chapter for a violation of its laws.

NEVADA.

The seventh Annual Convocation held in Virginia City, June 7, 1880. Seven Chapters represented.

The Grand Chapter adopted, several years ago, an Article XX, Section 5, making a life membership fund. It reads:

"Any Royal Arch Mason in good standing who shall pay to the Grand Chapter the sum of one hundred dollars, shall be known as a Life Member, and shall be in good standing in the Fraternity for life, so far as Masonic standing of a Royal Arch Mason is affected by his being or not being a member of some Subordinate Chapter."

The Grand Secretary was required to pay to the Chapter of which the Companion was a member, ten per cent. interest on the amount paid into the Grand Chapter. A question arose as follows:

"Ought the Grand Secretary to pay more than ten dollars a year as the dues of a Life Member?" * * * * *

'The first paragraph (referring to Sec. 5, Article XX, of our Constitution) seems to forbid the possibility of a Chapter suspending a Life Member. How then are the dues in excess of ten dollars a year to be collected?'

"To the former of these last two questions I answered: 'No, unless such 'Life Member' shall have paid such an amount in addition to the sum provided above (*i. e.*, \$100), as in the judgment of the Board of Trustees shall justify the Grand Chapter in paying a larger annual sum.'

"To the latter I answered: 'In the same manner provided by the By-Laws of the Chapter for the collection of all dues from the members of the Chapter not Life Members.'

"The view I took of Sec. 5, Article XX, of the Constitution, was this: That it was not the object or intention of the law to prevent the collection of the excess by the Subordinate Chapters, when the dues exceeded the sum of ten dollars.

"Therefore, I decide, that *Virginia* Chapter could enforce, as provided for in Sec. 4, Article III, of the By-Laws of that Chapter, the collection of the excess of dues from every Life Member, a member thereof, when the dues exceeded the sum of ten dollars, such Life Member not having paid a larger sum than one hundred dollars to the Grand Chapter."

This Article was repealed in 1879, and the Grand Secretary was directed to pay those entitled to it the one hundred dollars, in the hands of the Grand Chapter.

Companion John D. Hammond reports on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing, among others, Pennsylvania, for 1879.

He approves of the action of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in regard to suspended Masons. The letter on the Mark Degree, by Companion Whytehead, of England, is given in "extenso."

We note that an actual Past Master must take the Past Master Degree (a second time) in the Chapter.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The sixty-second Annual Convocation held in Concord, May 18, 1880. Eighteen Chapters represented.

Business only of a local and private nature.

No Report on Foreign Correspondence.

NEW JERSEY.

The twenty-fourth Annual Convocation held in Trenton, September 8, 1880. Twenty-six Chapters represented.

Business of local nature.

Companion Geo. B. Edwards furnishes Report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of Pennsylvania, for 1878 and 1879.

NEW YORK.

The eighty-third Annual Convocation held in Albany February 3, 4 and 5, 1880. One hundred and eighty-eight Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest reports :

“I have already spoken of the great number of Companions who, from year to year, are suspended for non-payment of dues. I have named it the crying evil of the time. I earnestly recommend that you should give to this subject your early and most serious consideration, in the hope that you may be able to devise a just and sufficient remedy.

“Already within this jurisdiction there are upwards of seven thousand Royal Arch Masons who are under suspension for this cause. I am informed the returns of the present year will disclose the fact that in one instance a Chapter, having upon its rolls the names of some two hundred and twenty-five Companions, suspended for non-payment of dues, during the past year—nearly or quite a fourth part of its entire membership.

“Five Chapters report this year a reduction of members, from the same cause, of about one-third of their membership as reported a year ago, while many others have suspended a large percentage of their membership for the same reason.

“I know, of course, that a large part of the suspensions for non-payment of dues will be explained by reference to the general depression in business affairs which has prevailed throughout the country for some years past. And I know that when such times occur the institution of Masonry, like the church itself, is among the first to suffer as it is among the last to recover from their effects. Yet so large a number of suspensions is a fact pregnant of other suggestions :

“ May we not, in past years, have been too ready to welcome candidates, and have exercised in their reception too little discrimination ?

“ May we not have failed to impress our new-made Companions with that sense of duty and obligation to the institution which must always be its surest support ?

“ May not Chapters have been remiss in their duty to call in the arrearages of members ?

“ I think that all these questions must be answered affirmatively. Yet I am not sure that they point out the remedy. I am free to confess that, although I have reflected very much upon the problem, and as yet I have failed to discover its solution. I leave it for your better judgment.

“ Yet I would suggest, before I pass from so important a topic, that in my opinion the Grand Chapter would contribute something to the cure of the evil if it would clearly determine that while a suspension of the Companion for the non-payment of dues shall continue, such suspension shall be as effectual, in cutting off the defaulting member from his rights and privileges as a Royal Arch Mason, as a suspension for any other cause. This I have already decided to be the law, well knowing, however, that there has heretofore existed in the Grand Chapter a divided opinion upon the subject.

“ I would not disturb the right of a Companion, suspended for non-payment of dues, from restoring himself to his proper standing by the discharge of his arrearages. But I would make it necessary, in all cases, before a Companion could be suspended for the non-payment of dues, that his dues should be personally demanded, and in no case should they be permitted to accumulate for more than two years. The personal demand which I would have made for the payment of dues would disclose the important fact, whether or not the Companion has the ability to pay them. Then, if he is able to pay, but is unwilling, his suspension would surely be just and proper ; but if it should appear that he is not able to pay, his dues should be at once remitted.”

A Chapter which had violated the constitutional regulations in regard to jurisdiction over candidate, was required to pay the amount of the fees received to the Chapter whose jurisdiction had been violated.

The Grand Chapter is quite lavish with its money—\$500 given to Grand Treasurer, \$200 to Grand Chaplain, \$250 to

Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, \$15 to Grand Organist, \$2000 to Grand Secretary.

Companion D. A. Ogden writes the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Quoting our report on the blind question, he *calls* us "an extremist," and says:

"We do not concur in these views, when applied to the Chapter, for that is a more recent institution, and cannot, we think, be held to the old charges and landmarks so strictly. Its material is essentially different from that of the Blue Lodge; it does not take the profane, it only allows the Master Mason, he who has been initiated into the sanctum and has been invested with the secrets of Masonry; to them he has of course come a perfect and sound man; but he does not lose what he has gained by maim or misfortune. With a foot gone, a knee stiff, or an eye blind, he is still a Master Mason. He comes thus to the Chapter in an entirely different character than the profane who knocks at the door of the Lodge and seeks admission to its ceremonies and secrets. Besides, where does Companion Meyer get his stringent rule for the Chapter? (We grant that he may find it for the Lodge.) Will he point out the time and place? We incline to liberality on this subject, but do not feel disposed to over-ride any well-settled principles of the Craft, and particularly do not want to commit perjury—as he insinuates the Royal Craftsmen do out West and up in Maine."

As he has asked us a question, we answer: Originally the Royal Arch was the completion of the Third Degree and was a part of the Lodge Work. Anderson's Constitution and Dermott's Ahiman Rezon furnish our Masonic gauge of the candidate's qualifications. We recognize the difference in "perfection" between the two, and favor Anderson because it requires a man to be only so perfect physically as to be able to do the work, and that no one should be taken as an Apprentice who could not be eligible in time to be elected Grand Master. Again, we hold that any one who knowingly violates his obligations is a violator of his obligation, call it by any other name we may.

The address of the Grand Chaplain on "The Bible" is an able paper, from which we quote:

"But apart from what science may teach or the world may think, Companions, we assert that the Bible is the charter of Masonry in its highest and purest sense. All its laws are based upon the teaching of Scripture; and Scripture itself is interpreted according to the wisest and best interpretations of the Church. It thus takes its position as secondary to the Church, and does not seek to do the work of religion, only seeking to do the work of morality and virtue. And its spirit carried out into life makes its members the truest in the work of the Church, the most loyal to the State, the citizens who illustrate by their walk and character the power of the Bible. For this is the root from which the Order grows: and like the root of the vine, it sends its sap and pure juice through every branch and fibre until the whole gleams as with the purple cluster of the grape. Masonry through its teachings inculcates a belief in God as its first requirement. This is its grand characteristic. The Mason is urged to make God the source and object of his faith, the great law for his conscience. And here it rests upon the Scriptures as the foundation of all the teaching of the Institution, the strong rock out of which the temple rises in all its rich proportions and stately architecture. And it is its glory that in every Lodge and Chapter, in every department of its Work, that an open Bible rests upon its altar. This is the silent authority, the supreme sanction, the appeal for every question, the command for every act. To recognize the force of the divine teaching, the binding character of the laws set forth in the precepts of Scripture, Masonry allows no Degree, from the first to the last, to be conferred without the use of God's Word as a component part. All its symbols, too, grow lustrous in their meaning, all its rites borrow from the splendid light of Revelation. Like incense from the golden altar of the temple, the words of the Bible rise up with the offering of the evening sacrifice. And while the Order lays no unhallowed hands upon religion as it is taught among men, while it claims no such position as the Church of God, it does urge its members so to live that they may enter the life to come and enjoy the rest that is the heritage and reward of the faithful. From the beginning to the end the music of God's Word sounds in the Mason's ear, and in the Mason's heart, until he lies down enfolded in its promises which admit him into the glorious liberty of the soul of God.

“And because this Word is so open, and because it is the root and charter of Masonry, the Order shall increase in all true increase. Each year as it comes and goes shall bear witness to new triumphs. And as the setting sun gives promise of a new day, so each dying year shall be the grand prophecy of the spread of an Order whose charities and moral ministries shall know no limit but the limit of the earth.

“Here we may notice a fundamental doctrine taught by Masonry, and in beautiful accord with the teaching of the Church and the Bible. It acknowledges that the Bible is the only book that teaches the doctrine of the Resurrection of the Body and unfolds the mystery of death. One Degree is based upon this great truth, and gains all its beauty from it. The signs and results of death are known. But will the body which death takes away from the soul appear again? If it does appear, what shall be its nature? What relation will it assume to the spirit it had once for its inhabitant? What faculties shall it have? What has become of the life-giving principle, the soul? Is it still in a state of conscious knowledge? To all these wide questions of a world-wide humanity, nature and reason, philosophy and learning give no answer. Nature may suggest an analogy, and give a beautiful parable in every fragrant Easter flower or every golden grain of wheat. The germ sown may rise when all the covering falls away and becomes dust or enters into new combinations; but at best we have from nature only a parable, not a glorious prophecy for which we can wait till all be fulfilled. But One alone meets and answers the great cry of the heart for a resurrection of the dead. He Himself is the pledge of our rising; He alone unfolds the life beyond the grave; and through Him the vague and shadowy ideas of the immortality of the soul become a reality, and the resurrection of the body a sublime fact. On His Word we rest all the great yearning of our hearts, all the affection for our loved ones, that when time shall pass away we shall see them face to face, clothed in everlasting beauty and rejoicing in everlasting youth. And these truths Masonry teaches, and over the grave of her coffined dead she casts the living green, as the symbol of an immortality for the soul and a rising for the body.”

NOVA SCOTIA.

The tenth Annual Convocation held in Halifax, June 2, 1879. Five Chapters represented.

Business only of local nature.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The thirty-second Annual Convocation held in Wilson, June 1, 1880. Eleven Chapters represented.

The following causes were assigned to have militated against Royal Arch Masonry :

“1st. The rapid and phenomenal growth of ephemeral secret societies, based upon the grand principles which Masonry alone has practiced and enunciated for centuries, and offering to their votaries rewards of various kinds for their adhesion—a practice alike abhorrent to the genius of Masonry and the exercise of true charity.

“2d. The ignorance of Subordinate Chapters and Chapter Masons generally throughout the State, of the Work, the Ritual and the obligations of the Capitular Degrees.

“3d. The want of system and energy on the part of the Secretaries of Subordinate Chapters, in collecting dues and keeping alive the organizations of the Chapters to which they belong.

“4th. The absence at this time of what, in lieu of a better term, may be called the ‘tidal wave’ of Masonry, which, according to the experience of the oldest Masons, occurs periodically.”

There appears to be a want of interest among the Masons of North Carolina, as instance, a resolution was adopted appointing a Committee to procure the services of a P. G. High Priest to install the officers. No Report on Correspondence, and in place thereof the Grand Chapter reprints its proceedings from 1822 to 1827.

OHIO.

The sixty-third Annual Convocation held in Akron, on October 16, 1879. A constitutional number of Chapters represented.

Local business.

Companion Thos. J. Melish furnishes Report on Correspondence. Under Pennsylvania, he says :

“ The installation occurred at the Annual Convocation on St. John’s Day, when the Order of High Priesthood was conferred after all who had not received it had retired; how, exactly, does not appear, but the inference is that it was done in Grand Chapter, and not in a Council of High Priests, as is the custom in most if not all the jurisdictions in this country. It is probable, that after the retirement spoken of, a Council of High Priests was organized, in which the Order was conferred. With us the Order is separately conferred—the Council meets and the Order is conferred on those qualified to receive it, (viz., elected High Priests,) on some evening of the meeting of the Grand Chapter.”

The custom with us is different, the High Priesthood is conferred the night of the installation of the High Priest.

OREGON.

The twentieth Annual Convocation held in Portland, June 11, 1880. Fifteen Chapters represented.

The following was presented :

“ The majority of your Committee, fully believing that constitutional provision should be made, investing the Grand High Priest with the authority suggested in his address, would recommend the adoption of the following Amendment to the Constitution ;

“ Add an additional Section to the Constitution, as follows :

“ ‘ SECTION 35. The Grand High Priest shall, in all cases of urgent necessity, discipline any Royal Arch Mason in the jurisdiction for all un-Masonic conduct, but not longer than the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and he shall have the power to suspend any High Priest, or to revoke a Charter, for the repeated failure and refusal to enforce the Masonic law.’

“ Companion Patton of the Committee on Grand High Priest’s Address, submitted the following minority report of that Committee.

“The minority of your Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, wherein he recommends the adoption of a constitutional amendment, giving the Grand High Priest the power to suspend, from the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, for un-Masonic conduct, would respectfully report, that the minority dissents from the proposed Amendment to the Constitution, submitted by the majority, for the following reasons :

“*First.* That the power given to the Grand High Priest by this proposed amendment, exceeds even the power and prerogative of Grand Masters, who existed before Constitutions were formed—that the most liberal construction of a Grand Master's prerogative would not justify the exercise of the power of suspension, except as to officers of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and then only from the functions of their respective offices.

“*Second.* Because it is in direct violation of the well established principle in Masonic jurisprudence, that every Mason is amenable to the Lodge or Chapter under whose jurisdiction he resides, and where the offence was committed, whether a member of the same or not.

“*Third.* Because it is in direct conflict with the well established law recognized by our own Constitution, that all accusations or charges of un-Masonic conduct shall be reduced to writing, and the accused furnished with a copy of the same, and who is entitled to a fair and impartial trial, without unnecessary delay.

“For these and many other reasons which could be assigned, the minority of your Committee would recommend that, the proposed amendment, as submitted, be not adopted.

“The minority would cheerfully acquiesce in, and cordially recommend for adoption, an amendment giving the High Priest ample authority to suspend any High Priest from the functions of his office, or to arrest the Charter of any Chapter neglecting or refusing to enforce discipline for un-Masonic conduct, and for this purpose would submit the following amendment as a substitute for that submitted by Companion Herman.

““SECTION 35. The Grand High Priest shall, in all cases, have the power to suspend from the official functions of his

office, any officer of the Grand or Subordinate Chapters, for gross un-Masonic conduct, and to arrest the Charter of any Chapter which neglects or refuses to enforce Masonic discipline for un-Masonic conduct.' ”

The majority report was, however, adopted.

Companion T. McF. Patton reports on Correspondence. We are much pleased with his condensation of the views of the Companions on the Correspondence Committees of other Grand Chapters.

SCOTLAND.

The Supreme Reporter for March, 1880, is before us. We note the following action taken at the Quarterly Meeting, held June 18, 1879 :

“ Whereas certain spurious and unrecognized Degrees in Masonry are being conferred on Brethren in Scotland, which tend to bring the legitimate orders into disrepute, it be resolved:

“ *First.*—That at Working Meetings or Festivals of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, or of any Chapter holding Charter therefrom, no one shall wear the Badge, Jewel, or Decoration of any Degree or Order which has not been conferred on him by a body whose title to give it is recognized by the Supreme Chapter ; and in event of any one transgressing this rule, and persisting in doing so after warning from the Chair, he shall, by order of the presiding Office-Bearer, be excluded from the Meeting.

“ *Second.*—That for the purposes of the foregoing resolution, the following shall be recognized as lawfully entitled to wear the Badges, Jewels, or Decorations of their respective Degrees.

“ 1. Any Master Mason admitted to the Craft Degrees in a Lodge holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, or of any Lodge holding of a Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

“ 2. Any Royal Arch Companion admitted to the Degrees in a Chapter holding of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, or of any Chapter holding of a Grand Chapter recognized by the Supreme Chapter of Scotland.

“ 3. Any Member of the Royal Order of Scotland admitted either by the Grand Lodge of the Order, or any Provincial Grand Lodge.

“ 4. Any Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine, Holy Sepulchre, and St. John, made in any Conclave or Sanctuary holding of the Grand Imperial Council of Scotland, or in any Conclave or Sanctuary holding of any Grand Council recognized by the Grand Imperial Council of Scotland.

“ 5. Any Knight Templar, Companion or Commander admitted by any Priory or Encampment holding of the Chapter General of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple for Scotland, or of any Priory or Encampment holding of a Grand Priory or Encampment recognized by the Chapter General of Scotland.

“ 6. Any Member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, admitted in any Lodge, Chapter, College, Senate, Areopagus, Tribunal, Council, or Consistory holding of, or in The Supreme Council for Scotland of the 33d and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite itself, or in any Lodge, Chapter, College, Senate, Areopagus, Tribunal, Council, or Consistory holding of, or in a Supreme Council of the 33d and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite recognized by the Supreme Council of Scotland.”

Very properly the matter was withdrawn. The sum of \$250 was given towards furnishing a Masonic ward in the new Royal Infirmary in Edinburgh.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Annual Convocation held in Charleston, February 10, 1880, Twenty-three Chapters represented.

Local business.

No Report on Correspondence.

TENNESSEE.

The fifty-first Annual Convocation was held in Nashville, November 12, 1879. Fifty-seven Chapters represented.

Local business.

No Report on Correspondence.

TEXAS.

The thirtieth Annual Convocation held in Houston, December 11, 1879. Sixty-five Chapters represented.

Local business.

Companion R. M. Elgin presents the Grand Chapter, review ; Pennsylvania, for 1878, is noted.

VERMONT.

The sixty-third Annual Convocation was held in Burlington, on June 11, 1880. Twenty-four Chapters represented.

We should like to learn something of the history of the old Mark Lodges in Vermont. The Grand High Priest says :

“ The Grand Secretary is making an effort to collect the Charters and Records of Old Mark Lodges for the archives of the Grand Chapter. They are valuable only as relics, and belonging to the history of Capitular Masonry in this State. Assistance has been rendered by some of the older Masons, who held the custody of the property, and suitable recognition has been made ; I trust all will feel an interest in this collection, and render the Grand Secretary such aid as may be in their power.”

A decision having been asked from the Grand High Priest, the question and answer are here reported.

“ Can an actual Past Master of a Lodge be taken into the Chapter, omitting the Past Master's Degree, or without requiring the payment of the usual fee for the Degree ? ”

“ He answered—‘ No.’ ”

The business done was only of a local nature, and the entire transaction, with Grand High Priest's Address, &c., is comprised in twenty-eight pages.

Companion Edward S. Dana again presents the Report on Correspondence ; under the head of his “ Review of Pennsylvania,” we find the following :

“ He thinks Vermont is a small State, and snubs it with *nine lines*.

“ Vermont, however, is as big, up and down, as any State in the Union. We trust Companion Meyer will not feel like slighting us again, for our Masons and our statesmen are,

perhaps, as large-brained and large-hearted as some in Pennsylvania."

We have a most profound respect for the Grand Chapter of Vermont and its entire membership, numbering as it does, some warm personal friends, but we cannot in justice to ourselves, or the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, say more than we have said in former reports.

VIRGINIA.

The seventy-second Annual Convocation was held in Richmond, December 11, 1879. Twenty-three Chapters represented.

The Grand Lecturer, who had served for twenty-two years, declined a re-election or re-appointment; however, the Grand Chapter would not accept of his declination, and continued him.

Local business only.

WISCONSIN.

The thirtieth Annual Convocation was held in Milwaukee, February 17 and 18, 1880. The proceedings are embellished with a fine speaking likeness of M. E. Companion A. V. H. Carpenter. Fifty Chapters represented.

Business mostly of local character.

Companion J. P. C. Cottrill furnishes Report on Correspondence, reviewing, among other Grand Chapters, Pennsylvania, for 1878. Speaking of our Quarterly Communications, he says :

"It is, perhaps, convenient to hold these Quarterly Convocations; but little of general business is done, except at the Annual, and it seems to us unnecessary to assemble the Companions so often—the attendance, except at the Annual, being so sparse."

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

“Exercising no doubtful powers, or powers by implication merely,” this Grand Body assembles once every three years, the last meeting having been held in Detroit, Michigan, August 24, 1880. Its Constitution says “it has no power of discipline, admonition, censure or instructions over Grand Chapters.” It meets for a social good time, being of no other earthly use to itself or others. It is supported by a tax of one cent per annum for each member of the Chapters acknowledging allegiance to it. It is well known that Pennsylvania never had any connection with it whatever, directly or indirectly, yet work done under its Warrants is recognized by us. Its warmest advocates agree that it is useless but pleasant.

Companion John Frizzell was the Grand High Priest at the last Convocation: his address is a business-like paper, treating of all matters relating directly with its laws. On the now famed Cryptic Degrees muddle, he says:

“The relation properly subsisting between the Council Degrees and Royal Arch Masonry is engaging the attention of the Craft, and various opinions are entertained and expressed. The position of the General Grand Chapter, upon this subject, is unmistakable, as may be gathered from the following statement:

“Prior to 1853, its Constitution contained this provision:

“‘No Royal Arch Mason, within the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, shall be permitted to confer any Degree in Masonry not recognized as a constitutional Degree; nor to establish any society of Masons not recognized as a constitutional Body.’

“In 1850, this provision was construed by the General Grand Chapter, by the adoption of the following resolution:

“‘That in the opinion of this General Grand Chapter, those are constitutional Masonic Degrees only which are conferred in regular Blue Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Encampments of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders, Councils of Royal and Select Masters, and Supreme Councils of the ‘Ancient and Accepted Rite,’ and their inferior jurisdictions.’

“In 1853, the Constitution was amended, by striking out the provision aforesaid, and inserting the following, as Section 9 of Article I :

“ ‘The only Degrees recognized by this General Grand Chapter, to be conferred in Chapters under its jurisdiction, are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason; and no Royal Arch Mason who shall have regularly received said Degrees, shall be excluded from the rights of such by reason of his not being in possession of any other so-called Degrees.’

“Since that time this Body has uniformly held that it had no control whatever over the Council Degrees, and, of course, that Chapters adhering to its jurisdiction had no right to confer them.

“The attempts recently made by which some Grand Chapters in this jurisdiction seek to assume control over these Degrees, and, by agreement with Grand Councils and otherwise, to authorize Chapters to confer them, either directly or indirectly, is in direct contravention of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter and demand your serious consideration.

“Whether this Body will now attempt, by Amendment to its Constitution, to assume control over or recognize these Degrees as properly belonging to Chapters, is a matter about which, no doubt, differences of opinion will exist.

“It is respectfully suggested that if any change be made, it would be far more desirable to eliminate some of the Degrees now recognized as belonging to the Chapter, (for instance, Past Master,) rather than encumber the work of Capitular Masonry, already severely taxed in this respect, with additional work and lectures. Besides, we should thus take a step in the direction of securing uniformity between our system and that practiced in other countries. This uniformity is greatly to be desired, and any attempt in that direction would be fruitless so long as doubts exist as to what is our own system and practice.”

This must be pleasant reading to those Grand Chapters who claim to be stronger than the law itself, and who confer these Degrees without a shadow of a right.

The Grand Chapter of Texas once belonged to the General Grand Chapter, but a few years ago seceded; efforts are now being made to force her back again. We must say, that

Masonically, Texas cannot support the position she has assumed. She is under the allegiance of the General Grand Chapter, say what you will. Every Royal Arch Mason there, save those made within a few years, has taken the oath of fealty.

The following was offered :

“WHEREAS, The Degrees of Royal and Select Master Masons were conferred in some Chapters, under the authority of the General Grand Chapter, from 1826 to 1853; and,

“WHEREAS, It proved that it was the only and sole intention of the M. E. Companions from whom those Degrees emanated, that they should be conferred under the authority of Royal Arch Chapters; therefore

“*Resolved*, That authority be and is hereby granted to the several Grand Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, to make such arrangements as shall be found necessary for conferring the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Royal Arch Chapters; provided always, that no Grand Chapter within the limits of which there is a Grand Council shall authorize the Royal Arch Chapters under its jurisdiction to confer such Degrees without the consent of such Grand Council.”

The following is the Report of Committee, to whom the above was referred, which was adopted :

“The Select Committee, to which was referred various documents in relation to conferring the Royal and Select Masters’ Degrees under the authority of Royal Arch Chapters, have considered the same, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

“*Resolved*, That the General Grand Chapter has no jurisdiction over the Degrees of Royal Master and Select Master, and that it is inexpedient for the General Grand Chapter to take any action concerning them.”

We conclude our report with dry statistics of the work, &c., done during 1879.

Our term of service having expired we must ask to be relieved, for the present, from further labors on this Committee.

CHARLES E. MEYER,
Chairman.

SUMMARY OF GRAND CHAPTER REPORTS.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	RESIDENCE.	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Dimitted.	Suspended for Non-payment of Dues only.	Suspended for un-Masonic Conduct.	Expelled.	Died.	Membership.	Receipts.	Expenditures.	SUBORDINATES.					GRAND CHAPTERS.	
														Enrolled.	Chartered.	Suspended.	Restored.	Represented.		Making Returns.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery...	57	13	11	28	59	.....	.....	21	927	\$754.50	\$753.82	35	1	9	1	28	34	Alabama.
Arkansas	Luke E. Barber	Little Rock....	59	22	4	16	18	4	3	27	1,140	324.00	522.85	63	2	1	...	22	37	Arkansas.
California.....	Thomas H. Caswell.....	San Francisco...	146	36	13	89	97	23	2	49	2,936	4,394.00	3,909.64	48	1	...	...	41	48	California.
Colorado.....	Ed. C. Parmelee.....	Georgetown ...	29	6	1	7	20	.....	.....	2	398	718.32	297.75	7	2	...	...	7	7	Colorado.
Connecticut.....	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.....	125	16	.....	29	54	.....	.....	43	3,810	656.05	656.05	36	1	...	...	34	36	Connecticut.
Delaware.....	Charles W. Hancock	Washington ...	10	1	3	1	3	.....	.....	6	323	181.75	240.68	6	...	...	...	6	6	Delaware.
Dist. Columbia..	H. B. McIntire	Wilmington ...	63	10	11	23	53	1	.....	9	1,051	821.00	533.13	8	...	...	...	8	8	Dist. Columbia.
Florida	DeWitt C. Dawkins.....	Jacksonville..	12	3	1	6	4	.....	.....	3	236	326.00	276.98	11	...	...	...	7	7	Florida.
Georgia	J. Emmet Blackshear.....	Macon.....	42	9	19	54	48	.....	2	16	1,200	1,486.00	1,640.39	64	...	...	...	32	34	Georgia.
Illinois	Gilbert W. Barnard.....	Chicago	485	67	47	313	339	.....	34	132	9,779	7,888.59	6,635.59	178	4	...	...	148	155	Illinois.
Indiana	John M. Bramwell.....	Indianapolis... ..	188	14	15	143	107	15	14	51	4,508	2,444.74	1,964.46	91	...	2	...	78	82	Indiana.
Iowa	Wm. B. Langridge.....	Muscatine.....	239	36	10	138	118	.....	1	42	4,149	3,151.50	2,730.90	87	2	1	...	60	82	Iowa.
Kansas	John H. Brown.....	Wyandotte	100	29	7	27	61	.....	.....	11	1,287	970.00	679.93	39	2	...	...	31	34	Kansas.
Kentucky	Joseph H. Branham.....	Louisville	132	33	29	86	138	.....	8	41	2,810	2,873.32	3,404.12	103	1	...	...	76	76	Kentucky.
Louisiana	James C. Batchelor.....	New Orleans.....	15	1	6	21	54	1	.....	31	1,126	1,332.15	1,729.00	29	...	...	...	14	21	Louisiana.
Maine	Ira Berry.....	Portland	136	11	2	106	69	.....	1	51	4,105	1,182.62	1,171.46	43	1	...	...	42	44	Maine.
Maryland	Z. H. Thomas, Jr.....	Boston:	59	2	5	26	25	.....	1	12	1,109	1,056.65	960.42	12	...	...	...	7	10	Maryland.
Massachusetts.....	George L. McCahan.....	Baltimore	327	.....	.....	214	174	.....	.....	100	9,157	1,888.50	1,630.34	68	...	...	...	56	68	Massachusetts.
Michigan	William P. Innes.....	Grand Rapids.....	365	53	20	195	226	3	53	65	7,885	4,196.98	4,948.21	102	1	...	...	100	99	Michigan.
Minnesota.....	A. T. C. Pierson.....	St. Paul.....	139	22	5	28	56	.....	.....	10	1,834	1,189.50	952.55	31	1	...	...	23	29	Minnesota.
Mississippi.....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.....	44	25	16	37	50	1	.....	60	1,378	1,488.84	1,383.37	75	11	...	...	33	49	Mississippi.
Missouri*.....	William H. Mayo.....	St. Louis.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,877	.....	.....	90	...	...	...	53	75	Missouri.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen.....	Omaha.....	48	12	3	16	.....	3	1	8	790	1,220.65	899.93	77	2	...	...	11	17	Nebraska.
Nevada	John D. Hammond.....	Carson City ...	32	9	.....	18	5	.....	.....	8	402	465.00	856.10	8	...	...	...	8	8	Nevada.
N. Hampshire.....	George P. Cleaves.....	Concord.....	95	50	16	44	16	.....	1	29	2,194	533.80	530.93	20	...	...	...	17	20	N. Hampshire.
New Jersey	George B. Edwards.....	Jersey City	89	19	.....	74	130	.....	2	22	2,699	1,301.00	1,445.51	35	...	...	...	28	35	New Jersey.
New York.....	Christopher G. Fox.....	Buffalo	662	85	86	325	1156	6	4	221	16,741	10,943.65	11,378.81	190	...	...	...	183	190	New York.
North Carolina..	Donald W. Bain.....	Raleigh	19	2	1	6	.....	3	1	11	849	135.00	273.97	20	1	1	...	10	13	North Carolina.
Ohio	James Nesbitt	Troy	541	106	144	194	352	.....	29	114	8,459	3,172.75	2,756.69	142	2	...	...	142	142	Ohio.
Oregon.....	R. P. Earhart	Salem	51	5	.....	6	1	.....	.....	4	531	889.00	1,036.96	14	2	...	...	14	14	Oregon.
Pennsylvania.....	Charles E. Meyer.....	Philadelphia.....	325	49	.....	136	310	.....	.....	100	9,957	.....	.....	103	...	...	...	.....	.....	Pennsylvania.
Rhode Island	William R. Greene.....	Providence	37	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	1,638	836.67	471.98	10	...	...	...	10	10	Rhode Island.
South Carolina..	J. E. Burke.....	Charleston.....	20	4	2	23	51	1	.....	8	667	929.08	911.85	43	...	...	...	20	21	South Carolina.
Tennessee.....	John Frizzell.....	Nashville	61	21	10	73	74	8	2	53	3,145	2,574.10	2,829.61	93	1	...	...	57	69	Tennessee.
Texas.....	Robert Brewster.....	Houston	165	80	20	148	122	.....	9	74	3,602	2,377.52	2,691.32	93	4	...	...	65	92	Texas.
Vermont.....	W. H. S. Whitcomb.....	Burlington.....	65	9	2	12	16	.....	4	14	1,908	462.58	1,009.37	25	...	...	...	25	25	Vermont.
Wisconsin.....	John W. Woodhull...	Milwaukee.....	152	44	.....	64	38	.....	1	24	3,128	1,909.00	2,649.34	53	1	...	...	48	51	Wisconsin.

*No Annual Convocation in 1879; membership, etc., reported from 1878.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

AND

MARK LODGES.

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

CHAPTERS, &c.

MEETING IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

NO.	NAME.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
3	Jerusalem,	Fourth Monday.
52	Harmony,	First Friday.
91	Columbia,	Third Wednesday.
169	Philadelphia,	Second Wednesday.
175	Keystone,	Second Thursday.
183	Oriental,	Third Thursday.
208	Germantown,	Fourth Monday.
226	Siloam,	Third Wednesday.
232	St. John,	First Tuesday.
233	Kensington,	Fourth Monday.
240	Palestine,	Second Friday.
243	Tristram B. Freeman,	First Monday.
248	Temple,	Third Tuesday.
250	Corinthian,	First Monday.
251	Signet,	Fourth Tuesday.

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91	Columbia,	Second Monday.
214	Girard,	Second Tuesday.
216	Excelsior,	Third Tuesday.

DISTRICT.	DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	LOCATION OF CHAPTER.		CHAPTER.		
		COUNTY.	CITY OR TOWN.	NO.	NAME.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
1	Andrew J. Kauffmann, of Columbia.	Lancaster.....	Lancaster.....	43		Fourth Wednesday.
		Lancaster.....	Columbia.....	224	Corinthian.....	Second Tuesday.
		York.....	York.....	199	Howell.....	Second Wednesday.
		Adams.....				
2	William Campbell, of Media.	Chester.....	West Chester.....	202	Howell.....	Monday after Full Moon.
		Chester.....	Oxford.....	223	Oxford.....	Wednesday after Full Moon.
		Delaware.....	Media.....	234	Media.....	Thursday after Full Moon.
		Delaware.....	Fernwood.....	256	Fernwood.....	Wednesday on or before F. M.
		Delaware.....	Chester.....	258	Chester.....	Last Monday.
3	John G. Bobb, of Carlisle.	Dauphin.....	Harrisburg.....	21	Perseverance.....	First Thursday.
		Cumberland.....	Carlisle.....	171	St. John's.....	First Thursday.
		Cumberland... ..	Mechanicsburg.....	209	S. C. Perkins.....	Second Monday.
		Franklin.....	Chambersburg.....	176	Geo. Washington...	Third Monday.
		Fulton.....				Last Monday.
4	John Slingluff, of Norristown	Montgomery.....	Norristown.....	190	Norristown.....	Second Monday.
		Montgomery.....	Fort Washington.....	220	Fort Washington.....	Thursday before Full Moon.
		Montgomery.. ..	Jenkintown.....	245	Abington.....	Tuesday after Full Moon.
		Bucks.....	Newtown.....	229	Newtown.....	Wednesday after Full Moon.
		Bucks.....	Bristol.....	231	Bristol.....	Saturday after Full Moon.
		Chester.....	Phoenixville.....	198	Phoenix.....	Saturday after Full Moon.
5	Frederick W. Lauer, of Reading.	Berks.....	Reading.....	152	Reading.....	Second Monday.
		Berks.....	Reading.....	237	Excelsior.....	First Wednesday.
		Lebanon.....	Lebanon.....	197	Weidle.....	Second Tuesday.
6	Abraham K. Whitner, of Pottsville.	Schuylkill.....	Minersville.....	159	Schuylkill.....	Tuesday on or before F. M.
		Schuylkill.....	Tamaqua.....	177	Tamaqua.....	Friday after Full Moon.
		Schuylkill.....	Pottsville.....	196	Mountain City.....	Monday after Full Moon.
		Schuylkill.....	Ashland.....	219	Griscom.....	Third Thursday.

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		COUNTY.	CITY OR TOWN.	NO.	NAME.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
7	Bernard E. Lehman, of Bethlehem.	Schuylkill..	Tremont.....	221	Tremont	Monday after Full Moon.
		Schuylkill ..	Mahanoy City.....	252	Mizpah.....	Thursday after Full Moon.
		Northampton.....	Easton	173	Easton	Fourth Monday.
		Northampton.....	Bethlehem.....	216	Zinzendorf.....	Second Monday.
		Lehigh.....	Allentown.....	203	Allen.....	Monday on or before F. M.
8	Samuel L. French, of Plymouth.	Carbon.....	Mauch Chunk.....	181	Lilly	Fourth Tuesday.
		Luzerne.....	Wilkes-Barre.....	182	Shekinah.....	Third Tuesday.
		Luzerne..	Plymouth.....	214	Valley.....	Friday on or before F. M.
		Luzerne	Pittston..	242	Pittston.....	Last Thurs. of each month.
		Monroe	Carbondale	179	Eureka.....	Wednesday after Full Moon.
9	Jas. H. Coddling, of Towanda.	Lackawanna.....	Scranton.....	185	Lackawanna.....	Second Tuesday.
		Lackawanna.....	Towanda.....	161	Union.....	First Friday.
		Bradford	Tunkhannock.....	172	Temple	Monday after Full Moon.
		Wyoming.....	Factoryville.....	205	Factoryville.....	Wednesday on or before F. M.
		Wyoming.....	Montrose.....	180	Warren.....	Thursday on or before F. M.
10	Jno. H. Dusenbury, of Great Bend.	Susquehanna.....	Great Bend.....	210	Great Bend.....	Thursday on or before F. M.
		Susquehanna.	Wellsboro'.....	194	Tioga.....	Thursday on or before F. M.
11	Joseph H. Simonds, of Bradford.	Pike.	Port Allegheny.....	254	Arnold.....	Wednesday on or before F. M.
		Tioga.....	Bradford	260	Bradford	First Wednesday.
12	William G. Kramer, of Danville.	Potter	Catawissa..	178	Catawissa.....	First Monday.
		McKean.....	Bloomsburg.....	218	Bloomsburg.....	Tuesday before Full Moon.
		McKean	Danville.....	239	Danville.....	Wednesday after Full Moon.
		Columbia.....	Sunbury.....	174	Northumberland.....	
		Columbia.....	Watson town	246	Warrior Run.....	

13	John T. Beardsley, of Lock Haven.	Lycoming..... Clinton..... Centre..... Union..... Snyder..... Elk..... Cameron..... Blair..... Blair..... Cambria..... Huntingdon..... Bedford..... Clearfield..... Perry..... Mifflin..... Juniata..... Washington..... Washington..... Fayette..... Fayette..... Greene..... Somerset.....	Williamsport..... Lock Haven..... Bellefonte..... Ridgway..... Emporium..... Hollidaysburg..... Altoona..... Johnstown..... Huntingdon..... Bedford..... Clearfield..... Newport..... Lewistown..... Washington..... Monongahela City .. Brownsville..... Uniontown..... Pittsburgh..... Pittsburgh..... Allegheny..... Pittsburgh..... Greensburg..... Kittanning.....	222 Lycoming..... 163 La Fayette..... 241 Bellefonte..... 230 Elk..... 227 Emporium..... 166 Mt. Moriah..... 189 Mountain..... 195 Portage..... 201 Standing Stone..... 255 Bedford..... 228 Clearfield..... 238 Newport..... 186 Lewistown..... 150 Washington..... 249 Monongahela..... 164 Brownsville..... 165 Union..... 162 Zerubbabel..... 193 Duquesne..... 217 Allegheny..... 257 Shiloh..... 192 Urania..... 247 Orient.....	Second Tuesday. Thursday after Full Moon. First Friday. Third Tuesday. First and Third Wednesday. Third Tuesday. First Thursday. Fourth Tuesday. First Tuesday. Third Wednesday. Second Monday after F. M. Mon. prec. Tues. on or aft. F. M. Third Tuesday. First Friday. Thursday after Full Moon. Second Tuesday. First Thursday. First Tuesday. Fourth Thursday. First Friday. Third Monday. Thursday after Third Tuesday. Second Monday.
14	Gilman T. Wheeler, of Ridgway. Edmund H. Turner, of Altoona.	Allegheny..... Beaver..... Beaver..... Venango.....	Rochester..... Beaver Falls..... Franklin.....	167 Eureka..... 206 Harmony..... 211 Venango.....	Wednesday on or before F. M. First Thursday. Second Thursday.
16	Jno. P. Clark, of Newport.				
17	Philip M. Hochheimer, of Uniontown.				
18	William J. Carson, of Pittsburgh.				
19	And. W. Cox, of Oil City.				

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		COUNTY.	CITY OR TOWN.	NO.	NAME.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
20	Matthias H. Henderson, of Sharon.	Venango.....	Oil City.....	236	Oil City.....	Second Thursday.
		Warren.....	Warren.....	235	Occidental	Second Monday.
		Forrest.....				
		Clarion.....	Edenburg.....	259	Eden.....	Second Tuesday.
		Jefferson.....	Brookville.....	225	Jefferson.....	First Monday.
		Mercer.....	Greenville.....	212	Mound.....	Second and Fourth Monday.
		Mercer.....	Sharon.....	244	Norman.....	Second Friday.
		Lawrence.....	New Castle.....	170	Delta	Monday on or before F. M.
		Crawford	Conneautville	187	Oriental.....	First and Third Friday.
		Crawford	Meadville.....	191	Solomon's.....	First Tuesday.
		Crawford	Titusville.....	207	Aaron.....	Third Friday.
		Erie.....	Corry.....	200	Columbus.....	Thursday on or before F. M.
		Erie.....	Girard.....	213	Girard	Second Friday.
		Erie.....	Erie	215	Temple.....	Second Friday.
		Erie.....	North-East.....	253	North-East.....	Second and Fourth Monday.

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MICHAEL NISBET,	.	<i>Nova Scotia,</i>	.	.
		<i>Missouri,</i>	.	.
MICHAEL NISBET,	.	<i>Oregon,</i>	.	.
JOHN L. YOUNG,	.	<i>Maine,</i>	.	.
		<i>Tennessee,</i>	.	.
ANDREW ROBENO,		<i>Maryland</i>	.	.
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STATISTICS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS AND MARK LODGES

UNDER JURISDICTION OF

GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA,

DECEMBER 27, 1880.

CHAPTERS.

*Those marked * returns not received to date of printing proceedings.***Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3.***Philadelphia.**Fourth Monday.*

WILLIAM H. SUTTON, High Priest.

Joel H. Thomas, King.

John H. Dye, Scribe.

Horace Fritz, Treasurer.

Dennis F. Dealy, Secretary.

8 Marked; 9 Most Excellent; 7 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored;
2 died; 6 resigned; 7 suspended; 0 expelled; 1 rejected; 384 members.

Perseverance Chapter, No. 21.Harrisburg.**First Monday.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

Frank Strominger, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; admitted; restored;
died; resigned; suspended; expelled; rejected; 137 members.

Chapter No. 43.*Lancaster.**Fourth Wednesday.*

GEORGE R. WELCHANS, High Priest.

Henry E. Carson, King.

David H. Wylie, Scribe.

Charles A. Heinitsh, Treasurer.

Hugh S. Gara, Secretary.

17 Marked; 17 Most Excellent; 17 Exalted; 1 admitted; 2 restored;
3 died; 2 resigned; 0 suspended or expelled; 0 rejected; 259 members.

Harmony Chapter, No. 52.*Philadelphia.**First Friday.*

ALEXANDER McCUNE, High Priest.

Wm. A. Witherup, King.

James H. Anderson, Scribe.

R. Lloyd Lee, Treasurer.

John Curtis, Secretary.

9 Marked; 9 Most Excellent; 6 Exalted; 2 admitted; 0 restored;
8 died; 2 resigned; 5 suspended; 0 expelled; 1 rejected; 504 members.

Columbia Chapter, No. 91.*Philadelphia.**Third Wednesday.*

MOSES H. GREEN, High Priest.

Andrew Hazlet, King.

Charles Summerfield, Scribe.

George W. Wood, Treasurer,

J. Alexander Simpson, Secretary.

2 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 1 admitted or restored;
3 died; 2 resigned; 4 suspended or expelled; 1 rejected; 352 members.

Washington Chapter, No. 150.*Washington.**First Friday.*

EDWARD LITTLE, High Priest.

Samuel Hazlett, King.

Wm. M. Morton, Scribe.

F. Whittlesey, Treasurer.

James W. McDowell, Secretary.

7 Marked; 7 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 1 admitted; 0 restored;
0 died; 0 resigned; 8 suspended or expelled; 0 rejected; 36 members.

Reading Chapter, No. 152.*Reading.**Second Monday.*

CHARLES S. BICKLEY, High Priest.

Henry R. Laucks, King.

Wm. A. Henry, Scribe.

Jesse Orr, Treasurer.

Henry A. Tyson, Secretary.

4 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 1 admitted; 0 restored;
8 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended or expelled; 0 rejected; 195 members.

Schuylkill Chapter, No. 159.*Minersville.**Thursday on or before Full Moon.*

SOLOMON A. PHILIPS, High Priest.

James Murray, King.

William B. Beach, Scribe.

Francis Bedford, Treasurer.

Henry Hammer, Secretary.

1 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 1 admitted; 0 restored;
1 died; 1 resigned; 0 suspended or expelled; 0 rejected; 34 members.

Union Chapter, No. 161.Towanda.**First Friday.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

James H. Coddington, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; admitted; restored;
died; resigned; suspended; expelled; rejected; 92 members.

Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 162.*Pittsburgh.**First Tuesday.*

LEWIS T. BROWN, High Priest.

Fred H. Lacey, King.

E. R. Armstrong, Scribe.

Wm. P. Thomson, Treasurer.

Wm. T. Reiter, Secretary.

13 Marked; 13 Most Excellent; 14 Exalted; 2 admitted; 0 restored;
4 died; 7 resigned; 10 suspended or expelled; 2 rejected; 296 members.

Lafayette Chapter, No. 163.*Lock Haven. Thursday after Full Moon.*

TORRENCE C. HIPPLE, High Priest.

Harry O. Chapman, King.

John Schuyler, Jr., Scribe.

Jacob Kamp, Treasurer.

William H. Smith, Secretary.

2 Marked; 2 Most Excellent; 2 Exalted; admitted; restored;
0 died; 1 resigned; 6 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 101 members.

Brownsville Chapter, No. 164.Brownsville.**Second Tuesday.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

George W. Lenhart, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; admitted; restored;
died; resigned; suspended; expelled; rejected; 28 members.

Mt. Moriah Chapter, No. 166.*Hollidaysburg.**Third Tuesday.*

HENRY L. BUNKER, High Priest.

Martin Bell, King.

James P. Stewart, Scribe.

Alexander M. Lloyd, Treasurer.

George A. Dobyne, Secretary.

0 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted or restored;
0 died or resigned; 2 suspended or expelled; 0 rejected; 51 members.

Eureka Chapter, No. 167.*Rochester. Wednesday after Full Moon.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

C. Masten, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; admitted; restored;
 died; resigned; suspended; expelled; rejected; 57 members.

Philadelphia Chapter, No. 169.*Philadelphia. Second Wednesday.*

FRANK E. TOWNSEND, High Priest.

Thomas D. Condie, King.

James A. Kirkpatrick, Scribe.

George J. Becker, Treasurer.

Charles W. Nolen, Secretary.

5 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 3 admitted; 4 restored;
 3 died; 2 resigned; 6 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 212 members.

Delta Chapter, No. 170.*New Castle. Monday on or before Full Moon.*

JOHN B. BARBER, High Priest.

William T. Butz, King.

John H. Snider, Scribe.

William D. Dickson, Treasurer.

Horace G. Miller, Secretary.

9 Marked; 9 Most Excellent; 9 Exalted; 0 admitted or restored; 1
 died; 6 suspended; 1 rejected; 42 members.

St. John's Chapter, No. 171.Carlisle. First Thursday.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

Ephraim Cornman, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; admitted; restored;
 died; resigned; suspended; expelled; rejected; 59 members.

Temple Chapter, No. 172.Tunkhannock. Monday after Full Moon.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

Addison E. Buck, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; admitted; restored;
 died; resigned; suspended; expelled; rejected; 13 members.

Easton Chapter, No. 173.Easton.**Fourth Monday.*

High Priest.

King

Scribe.

Treasurer.

Daniel H. Neiman, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; admitted; restored;
died; resigned; suspended; expelled; rejected; 113 members.

Northumberland Chapter, No. 174.Sunbury.**Wednesday preceding Full Moon.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

Henry Clement, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; admitted; restored;
died; resigned; suspended; expelled; rejected; 43 members.

Keystone Chapter, No. 175.*Philadelphia.**Second Thursday.*

EDWARD P. KNIPE, High Priest.

Jacob W. Dowler, King.

Wm. H. Crap, Scribe.

W. T. Taylor, Treasurer.

Robert C. Floyd, Secretary.

5 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 0 admitted or restored;
6 died; 3 resigned; 11 suspended; 1 expelled; 0 rejected; 315 members.

George Washington Chapter, No. 176.*Chambersburg.**Third Monday.*

HASTINGS GEHR, High Priest.

Jacob P. Angney, King.

Jacob Rinick, Scribe.

George Biestch, Treasurer.

Allan C. McGrath, Secretary.

1 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored;
0 died; 2 resigned; 5 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 45 members.

Tamaqua Chapter, No. 177.*Tamaqua**First Friday after Full Moon.*

JAMES W. KERSHNER, High Priest.

Daniel Shepp, King.

Evan T. Jones, Scribe.

E. J. Fry, Treasurer.

Wm. Priser, Secretary.

0 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted or restored;
1 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended or expelled; 0 rejected; 52 members.

Catawissa Chapter, No. 178.Catawissa. Wednesday on or before Full Moon.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

Joseph B. Knittle, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; admitted; restored;
 died; resigned; suspended; expelled; rejected; 33 members.

Eureka Chapter, No. 179.Carbondale. Wednesday after Full Moon.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

Wm. R. Baker, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; admitted; restored;
 died; resigned; suspended; expelled; rejected; 79 members.

Warren Chapter, No. 180.*Montrose. Thursday on or before Full Moon.*

DANIEL W. SEARLE, High Priest.

Isaac N. Bullard, King.

Wm. W. Smith, Scribe.

Wm. H. Boyd, Treasurer.

Wm. L. Cox, Secretary.

o Marked; o Most Excellent; o Exalted; o admitted; o restored;
 1 died; 1 resigned; o suspended or expelled; o rejected; 39 members.

Lilly Chapter, No. 181.*Mauch Chunk. Fourth Tuesday.*

JOHN V. COX, High Priest.

Eugene H. Blakslee, King.

Charles E. Foster, Scribe.

James I. Blakslee, Treasurer.

Wm. W. Weaver, Secretary.

o Marked; o Most Excellent; o Exalted; o admitted; o restored;
 4 died; 2 resigned; o suspended; o expelled; o rejected; 107 members.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 182.Wilkes-Barre.**Third Tuesday.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

John P. Pollock, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; admitted; restored;
 died; resigned; suspended; expelled; rejected; 72 members.

Oriental Chapter, No. 183.*Philadelphia.**Third Thursday.*

E. COPPEE MITCHELL, High Priest.

Samuel J. Dickey, King.

Levi B. McClees, Scribe.

Michael Nisbet, Treasurer.

Jacob F. Stahl, Secretary.

18 Marked ; 19 Most Excellent ; 20 Exalted ; 3 admitted ; 0 restored ;
2 died ; 1 resigned ; 16 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 4 rejected ; 596
members.

Lackawanna Chapter, No. 185.*Scranton.**Second Tuesday.*

EZRA H. RIPPLE, High Priest.

O. E. Vaughn, King.

Frederick Becker, Jr., Scribe.

James Ruthven, Treasurer.

C. L. VanBuskirk, Secretary.

0 Marked ; 0 Most Excellent ; 1 Exalted ; 0 admitted ; 0 restored ;
0 died ; 1 resigned ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 84 members.

Lewistown Chapter, No. 186.*Lewistown.**Third Tuesday.*

WM. HENRY PLATT, High Priest.

Charles A. Redelein, King.

Harry R. Zerbe, Scribe.

David E. Robeson, Treasurer.

Benjamin F. Miller, Secretary.

1 Marked ; 1 Most Excellent ; 1 Exalted ; 0 admitted ; 0 restored ;
0 died ; 1 resigned ; 6 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 54 members.

Oriental Chapter, No. 187.*Conneautville.**Third Friday.*

E. L. LITCHFIELD, High Priest.

A. J. Harper, King.

F. J. Klumpf, Scribe.

R. A. Truesdale, Treasurer.

F. R. Nichols, Secretary.

1 Marked ; 1 Most Excellent ; 1 Exalted ; 0 admitted ; 0 restored ;
1 died ; 0 resigned ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 38 members.

Mountain Chapter No. 189.*Altoona.**First Thursday.*

JOHN M. PRESSELL, High Priest.

Wm. D. Couch, King.

John Turner, Scribe.

Wm. Stimer, Treasurer.

Timothy Davis, Secretary.

7 Marked ; 7 Most Excellent ; 7 Exalted ; 0 admitted or restored ;
1 died ; 0 resigned ; 0 suspended or expelled ; 1 rejected ; 72 members.

Norristown Chapter, No. 190.Norristown.**Second Monday.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

Franklin T. Beerer, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; admitted; restored;
 died; resigned; suspended; expelled; rejected; 147 members.

Solomon Chapter, No. 191.*Meadville.**First Tuesday.*

EDWARD W. TANNER, High Priest.

Sturges T. Dick, King.

Daniel G. Shryock, Scribe.

Norman C. McLaughlin, Treasurer.

Henry Church, Secretary.

1 Marked; 2 Most Excellent; 2 Exalted; 1 admitted or restored;
 1 died; 2 resigned; 16 suspended or expelled; 0 rejected; 72 members.

Urania Chapter, No. 192.*Greensburg. Thursday after Third Tuesday.*

HILLARY J. BRUNOT, High Priest.

John A. Marchand, King.

Cyrus N. Stark, Scribe.

Zach. P. Bierer, Treasurer.

Clark F. Warden, Secretary.

9 Marked; 8 Most Excellent; 8 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored;
 3 died; 1 resigned; 3 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 108 members.

Duquesne Chapter, No. 193.Pittsburgh.**Fourth Tuesday.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

Joseph S. Brown, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; admitted; restored;
 died; resigned; suspended; expelled; rejected; 269 members.

Tioga Chapter, No. 194.Wellsboro'.**Thursday on or before Full Moon.*

ROBERT ROY, High Priest.

Richard Lounsberry, King.

Ezra B. Young, Scribe.

William Roberts, Treasurer.

Max Bernkoff, Secretary.

0 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored;
 0 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 31 members.

Portage Chapter, No. 195.*Johnstown.**Fourth Tuesday.*

JAMES S. GALLAHER, High Priest.

Thomas H. Nichols, King.

Frank H. McMillin, Scribe.

John D. Roberts, Treasurer.

Benjamin F. Speedy, Secretary.

1 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored;
 0 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 53 members.

Mountain City Chapter, No. 196.Pottsville.**Monday after Full Moon.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

Daniel D. Morton, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; admitted; restored;
 died; resigned; suspended; expelled; rejected; 85 members.

Weidle Chapter, No. 197.*Lebanon.**Second Tuesday.*

CHARLES H. KILLINGER, High Priest.

Michael W. Reinöehl, King.

Simon G. Baltz, Scribe.

Joseph L. Lemberger, Treasurer.

William G. Ward, Secretary.

1 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored;
 2 died; 0 resigned; 3 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 68 members.

Phoenix Chapter, No. 198.*Phœnixville. Second Saturday on or before Full Moon.*

JOHN T. EACHUS, High Priest.

Henry A. Spare, King.

Walter Mac Feat, Scribe.

John Vanderslice, Treasurer.

Edward T. Plush, Secretary.

6 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 0 admitted or restored;
 0 died; 0 resigned; 2 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 90 members.

Howell Chapter, No. 199.*York.**First Wednesday after First Monday of March, June,
September and December.*

WILLIAM GILBERTHROP, High Priest.

R. F. Shindel, King.

George W. Brillinger, Scribe.

Isaac A. Elliott, Treasurer.

Thomas Wood, Secretary.

2 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 2 admitted; 0 restored;
 0 died; 4 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 83 members.

Columbus Chapter, No. 200.*Corry.**Thursday on or before Full Moon.*

ROBERT SPRATT, High Priest.

David S. Rowe, King.

Jerome B. Davis, Scribe.

Clarence G. Harmon, Treasurer.

Randall H. Palmer, Secretary.

1 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored;
 0 died; 1 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 39 members.

Standing Stone Chapter, No. 201.*Huntingdon.**First Tuesday.*

GEORGE B. ORLADY, High Priest.

Alexander Elliott, King.

Martin L. Shaffner, Scribe.

David Black, Treasurer.

Graffus Miller, Secretary.

1 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored;
 0 died; 0 resigned; 1 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 41 members.

Howell Chapter, No. 202.*West Chester.**First Monday after Full Moon.*

High Priest.

M. H. Matlack, King.

H. D. Maxton, Scribe.

N. T. Smith, Treasurer.

William D. Christman, Secretary.

0 Marked; 2 Most Excellent; 2 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored;
 1 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended or expelled; 0 rejected; 55 members.

Allen Chapter, No. 203.*Allentown.**First Monday on or before Full Moon.*

ROBERT E. WRIGHT, Jr., High Priest.

Lewis F. Schmidt, King.

William J. Schlechter, Scribe.

Russell A. Thayer, Treasurer.

Erwin J. Balliett, Secretary.

4 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 4 Exalted; 1 admitted; 0 restored;
 1 died; 3 resigned; 7 suspended; 0 expelled; 1 rejected; 125 members.

Anthony Wayne Chapter, No. 204.*Honesdale.*

Warrant surrendered, 1879.

Factoryville Chapter, No. 205.Factoryville. Wednesday on or before Full Moon.*

E. C. Browning, Secretary.

12 members.

Harmony Chapter, No. 206.Beaver Falls. First Thursday.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

John R. Scott, Secretary.

Marked ; Most Excellent ; Exalted ; admitted ; restored ;
 died ; resigned ; suspended ; expelled ; rejected ; 15 members.

Aaron Chapter, No. 207.*Titusville. Third Friday.*

BURTON F. EDWARDS, High Priest.

Samuel T. Niell, King.

Daniel Wingard, Scribe.

Jacob Strauss, Treasurer.

Smith C. Roof, Secretary.

11 Marked ; 10 Most Excellent ; 10 Exalted ; 0 admitted ; 0 restored ;
 0 died ; 6 resigned ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 104 members.

Germantown Chapter, No. 208.*Germantown. Fourth Monday.*

PETER LEETIN, High Priest

Wm. J. Wartenby, King.

John G. Schuler, Scribe.

George Scatchard, Treasurer.

Edwin R. Stevens, Secretary.

3 Marked ; 3 Most Excellent ; 5 Exalted ; 1 admitted ; 0 restored ;
 1 died ; 2 resigned ; 8 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 104 members.

Samuel C. Perkins Chapter, No. 209.*Mechanicsburg. Second Monday.*

W. R. H. DEATRICH, High Priest.

Robt. M. Short, King.

A. G. Eberly, Scribe.

E. R. Huston, Treasurer.

George Bobb, Secretary.

1 suspended ; 33 members.

Great Bend Chapter, No. 210.*Great Bend. Thursday on or before Full Moon.*

CHAS. SIMPSON, High Priest.

Wm. W. Simrell, King.

A. P. Stevens, Scribe.

Galen Newman, Treasurer.

J. H. Dusenbury, Secretary.

0 Marked ; 0 Most Excellent ; 0 Exalted ; 0 admitted or restored ;
 0 died or resigned ; 7 suspended ; 0 rejected ; 39 members.

Venango Chapter, No. 211.*Franklin.**Second Thursday.*

CHARLES D. ELLIOTT, High Priest.

Thomas Algeo, King.

Harry D. Hulin, Scribe.

Miles W. Sage, Treasurer.

Wm. G. Ladds, Secretary.

o Marked ; o Most Excellent ; o Exalted ; o admitted ; o restored ;
o died ; o resigned ; 2 suspended ; o expelled ; o rejected ; 63 members.

Mound Chapter, No. 212.Greenville.**Second and Fourth Mondays.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

H. H. Lininger, Secretary.

Marked ; Most Excellent ; Exalted ; admitted ; restored ;
died ; resigned ; suspended ; expelled ; rejected ; 70 members.

Girard Chapter, No. 213.*Girard.**Second Friday.*

S. L. MASON, High Priest.

J. C. Thornton, King.

C. M. Bender, Scribe.

D. Nason, Treasurer.

A. R. Smith, Secretary.

o Marked ; o Most Excellent ; o Exalted ; o admitted ; o restored ;
o died ; o resigned ; o suspended ; o expelled ; o rejected ; 9 members.

Valley Chapter, No. 214.*Plymouth.**Friday on or next preceding Full Moon.*

CHAS. H. WILSON, High Priest.

Enoch W. Marple, King.

Peter H. Garahan, Scribe.

C. W. Jenkins, Treasurer.

S. U. Shaffer, Secretary.

o Marked ; o Most Excellent ; 1 Exalted ; o admitted or restored ;
1 died ; o resigned ; o suspended or expelled ; o rejected ; 36 members.

Temple Chapter, No. 215.*Erie.**Second Friday.*

DOUGLAS BENSON, High Priest.

Wm. F. Rinderknecht, Jr., King.

John M. Ormslee, Scribe.

Herman T. Jarecki, Treasurer.

Homer M. Hill, Secretary.

9 Marked ; 12 Most Excellent ; 15 Exalted ; 4 admitted or restored ;
3 died ; 2 resigned ; o suspended or expelled ; o rejected ; 99 members.

Zinzendorf Chapter, No. 216.*Bethlehem.**Second Monday.*

THOMAS WEISS, High Priest.

Marcus C. Fetter, King.

Joseph Johnston, Scribe.

Bernard E. Lehman, Treasurer.

William V. Knauss, Secretary.

1 Marked ; 1 Most Excellent ; 1 Exalted ; 0 admitted or restored ;
 1 died ; 0 resigned ; 2 suspended or expelled ; 0 rejected ; 52 members.

Allegheny Chapter, No. 217.*Allegheny City.**First Friday.*

EDWARD COATES, High Priest.

William Criswell, King.

David W. Semple, Scribe.

Nathan Graham, Treasurer.

Adolphe H. Böcking, Secretary.

10 Marked ; 10 Most Excellent ; 8 Exalted ; 0 admitted or restored ;
 3 died ; 2 resigned ; 12 suspended ; 217 members.

Bloomsburg Chapter, No. 218.*Bloomsburg.**First Wednesday.*

ISAIAH HAGENBUCH, High Priest.

Charles K. Francis, King.

George W. Reifsnyder, Scribe.

Jeremiah J. Brower, Treasurer,

C. F. Knapp, Secretary.

1 Marked ; 1 Most Excellent ; 1 Exalted ; 1 admitted or restored ; 0
 died ; 0 resigned ; 0 suspended or expelled ; 0 rejected ; 62 members.

Griscom Chapter, No. 219.Ashland.**Third Thursday.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

George H. Helfrich, Secretary.

Marked ; Most Excellent ; Exalted ; admitted ; restored ;
 died ; resigned ; suspended ; expelled ; rejected ; 43 members.

Fort Washington Chapter, No. 220.*Fort Washington.**Thursday before Full Moon.*

THOMAS MACREYNOLDS, High Priest.

Lemuel Rodenbaugh, King.

John J. Sliver, Scribe.

Henry Unger, Treasurer.

Joseph Rex, Secretary.

0 Marked ; 0 Most Excellent ; 0 Exalted ; 0 admitted or restored ;
 1 died ; 1 resigned ; 0 suspended or expelled ; 0 rejected ; 37 members.

Tremont Chapter, No. 221.*Tremont. First Monday after Full Moon.*

JOHNATHAN REINÖHL, High Priest.

George D. Anderson, King.

Levi Miller, Jr., Scribe.

Daniel B. Althouse, Treasurer.

Lewis W. Heil, Secretary.

3 Marked ; 3 Most Excellent ; 3 Exalted ; 0 admitted ; 0 restored ;
 0 died ; 1 resigned ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 47 members.

Lycoming Chapter, No. 222.*Williamsport. Second Tuesday.*

WILLIAM LUNDY PARKER, High Priest.

John F. Laidlein, King.

Joseph W. Mussina, Scribe.

A. Niemeyer, Treasurer.

William R. Prior, Secretary.

8 Marked ; 9 Most Excellent ; 9 Exalted ; 2 admitted or restored ; 0
 died ; 1 resigned ; 6 suspended or expelled ; 0 rejected ; 98 members.

Oxford Chapter, No. 223.*Oxford. Wednesday after Full Moon.*

JAMES K. JACKSON, High Priest.

George McFadden, King.

H. G. Durburrow, Scribe.

A. H. Ingram, Treasurer.

James Black, Secretary.

1 Marked ; 1 Most Excellent ; 1 Exalted ; 1 admitted ; 0 restored ;
 2 died ; 1 resigned ; 1 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 38 members.

Corinthian Chapter, No. 224.*Columbia. Second Tuesday.*

JOHN A. SLADE, High Priest.

Elias B. Herr, King.

Henry Sholl, Scribe.

George F. Rathvon, Treasurer.

Andrew J. Kauffman, Secretary.

6 Marked ; 6 Most Excellent ; 6 Exalted ; 2 admitted or restored ; 1
 died ; 2 resigned ; 2 suspended or expelled ; 0 rejected ; 75 members.

Jefferson Chapter, No. 225.*Brookville. First Monday.*

THOMAS L. TEMPLETON, High Priest.

Wilson R. Ramsey, King.

John W. Garrison, Scribe.

Isaac F. Shimer, Treasurer.

Williamson D. J. Marlin, Secretary.

1 Marked ; 2 Most Excellent ; 2 Exalted ; 0 admitted or restored ; 0
 died or resigned ; 0 suspended or expelled ; 0 rejected ; 36 members.

Siloam Chapter, No. 226.*Frankford.**Third Wednesday.*

WILLIAM CARISS, Jr., High Priest.

Matthew Coats, King.

George Hale, Jr., Scribe.

John Cooper, Treasurer.

Thaddeus Stearne, Secretary.

4 Marked ; 4 Most Excellent ; 4 Exalted ; 2 admitted ; 0 restored ;
 0 died ; 2 resigned ; 2 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 108 members.

Emporium Chapter, No. 227.*Emporium.**First and Third Wednesdays.*

J. PITT FELT, High Priest.

J. K. Frank, King.

J. W. Kriner, Scribe.

Leonard Taggart, Treasurer.

John D. Logan, Secretary.

0 Marked ; 0 Most Excellent ; 0 Exalted ; 0 admitted or restored ;
 0 died ; 2 resigned ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 41 members.

Clearfield Chapter, No. 228.*Clearfield.**Second Monday after Full Moon.*

SAMUEL J. ROW, High Priest.

Eli Bloom, King.

Hiram T. King, Scribe.

Daniel W. McCurdy, Treasurer.

William Radebaugh, Secretary.

1 Marked ; 0 Most Excellent ; 0 Exalted ; 0 admitted ; 0 restored ;
 0 died ; 0 resigned ; 12 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 45 members.

Newtown Chapter, No. 229.*Newtown.**Wednesday after Full Moon.*

JOSEPH B. ROBERTS, High Priest.

John T. Gilkyson, King.

John W. Williams, Scribe.

William K. Carver, Treasurer.

I. Wilson Merrick, Secretary.

0 Marked ; 0 Most Excellent ; 0 Exalted ; 0 admitted ; 0 restored ;
 1 died ; 0 resigned ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 34 members.

Elk Chapter, No. 230.*Ridgway.**Third Tuesday.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

W. C. Healy, Secretary.

Marked ; Most Excellent ; Exalted ; admitted ; restored ;
 died ; resigned ; suspended ; expelled ; rejected ; 40 members.

Bristol Chapter, No. 231.*Bristol. Saturday after Full Moon.*

WM. M. STACKHOUSE, High Priest.

Allen L. Garwood, King.

Geo. W. Kerk, Scribe.

William B. Baker, Treasurer.

Israel S. Tomlinson, Secretary.

0 Marked ; 0 Most Excellent ; 0 Exalted ; 0 admitted or restored ;
 1 died ; 1 resigned ; 0 suspended or expelled ; 0 rejected ; 42 members.

St. John Chapter, No. 232.*Philadelphia.**First Tuesday.*

A. GEORGE UBERROTH, High Priest.

Stephen B. Warner, King.

Robert G. Pidgeon, Scribe.

Jos. W. Price, Treasurer.

Charles Carroll Burns, Secretary.

8 Marked ; 10 Most Excellent ; 10 Exalted ; 1 admitted or restored ;
 3 died ; 2 resigned ; 6 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 252 members.

Kensington Chapter, No. 233.*Kensington, 130 & 132 Richmond st., Philadelphia. Fourth Monday.*

JAMES MACKINTOSH, High Priest.

Albert A. Witsil, King.

James T. Hall, Scribe.

John W. Lee, Treasurer.

Charles K. Neisser, Secretary.

4 Marked ; 4 Most Excellent ; 4 Exalted ; 5 admitted or restored ;
 5 died or resigned ; 14 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 333 members.

Media Chapter, No. 234.*Media.**Thursday after Full Moon.*

ROBERT F. ASH, High Priest.

Stephen H. Appleton, King.

Homer E. Hoopes, Scribe.

Wardle Ellis, Treasurer.

Wm. E. Williamson, Secretary.

1 Marked ; 1 Most Excellent ; 0 Exalted ; 0 admitted or restored ;
 1 died ; 0 resigned ; 6 suspended ; 0 rejected ; 37 members.

Occidental Chapter, No. 235.*Warren.**Second Monday.*

GEORGE L. FRIDAY, High Priest.

John H. Palmer, King.

Caleb C. Thompson, Scribe.

Andrew Hertzell, Treasurer.

Robt. Henderson, Secretary.

6 Marked ; 6 Most Excellent ; 5 Exalted ; 0 admitted or restored ;
 1 died ; 1 resigned ; 1 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 38 members.

Oil City Chapter, No. 236.*Oil City.**Third Thursday.*

DANIEL W. GUERNSEY, High Priest.

Horatio N. Arnold, King.

Russell M. Lewis, Scribe.

Thomas R. Cowell, Treasurer.

David Laughlin, Secretary.

o Marked; o Most Excellent; o Exalted; o admitted; o restored;
2 died; 2 resigned; 4 suspended; o expelled; o rejected; 56 members.

Excelsior Chapter, No. 237.Reading.**First Thursday.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

Thomas E. Weber, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; admitted; restored;
died; resigned; suspended; expelled; rejected; 134 members.

Newport Chapter, No. 238.*Newport. Monday preceding the Tuesday on or after Full Moon.*

BENJAMIN HIMES, High Priest.

Wm. B. Leas, King.

John P. Hopple, Scribe.

Joshua E. Singer, Treasurer.

John P. Clark, Secretary.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; o admitted; o restored;
o died or resigned; o suspended or expelled; o rejected; 36 members.

Danville Chapter, No. 239.*Danville.**First Thursday.*

GEO. S. WALKER, High Priest.

Daniel S. Bloom, King.

Wm. G. Kramer, Scribe.

David Clark, Treasurer.

Alex. J. Frick, Secretary.

o Marked; o Most Excellent; o Exalted; o admitted; o died or
resigned; o suspended or expelled; o rejected; 38 members.

Palestine Chapter, No. 240.*Philadelphia.**Second Friday.*

FRED. M. ALLEN, High Priest.

Philip C. Shaffer, King.

Wm. E. Steen, Scribe.

Wm. E. Krewson, Treasurer.

Charles Mathews, Jr., Secretary.

5 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 2 Exalted; 1 admitted; o died; 3 sus-
pended; 1 resigned; o rejected; 201 members.

Bellefonte Chapter, No. 241.*Bellefonte.**First Friday.*

DANIEL S. KELLER, High Priest.

Daniel Z. Kline, King.

Jas. C. Harper, Scribe.

John P. Harris, Treasurer.

George B. Weaver, Secretary.

2 Marked; 2 Most Excellent; 2 Exalted; 0 admitted or restored; 1 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended or expelled; 0 rejected; 46 members.

Pittston Chapter, No. 242.Pittston, Luzerne Co.**Last Thursday.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

Lucius B. Ensign, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; died; resigned; 42 members.

Tristram B. Freeman Chapter, No. 243.*Philadelphia.**First Monday.*

WILLIAM F. MILLER, High Priest.

Charles H. Downing, King.

Ezra S. Bartlett, Scribe.

William T. Benner, Treasurer.

George M. D. Apple, Secretary.

13 Marked; 13 Most Excellent; 11 Royal Arch; 1 admitted; 1 died; 4 suspended; 176 members.

Norman Chapter, No. 244.Sharon, Mercer Co.**Second Friday.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

† Richard E. Bell, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; died; resigned; 59 members.

† Dead.

Abington Chapter, No. 245.Jenkintown, Bucks Co.**Tuesday after Full Moon.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

Daniel H. Yerkes, Secretary.

Marked; Most Excellent; Exalted; died; resigned; 36 members.

Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246.Watsonstown.**Wednesday after Full Moon.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

Francis H. Miller, Secretary.

29 members.

Orient Chapter, No. 247.*Kittanning.**Second Monday.*

GEORGE H. FOX, High Priest.

James H. Chambers, King.

Harry A. Arnold, Scribe.

Joseph S. Smith, Treasurer.

George T. Crawford, Secretary.

4 Marked; 4 Most Excellent; 4 Exalted; 3 resigned; 1 died;
66 members.**Temple Chapter, No. 248.***Philadelphia.**Third Tuesday.*

JOSEPH S. WRIGHT, High Priest.

John W. Haseltine, King.

Henry Grim, Scribe.

Isaac C. Price, Treasurer.

Addison V. C. Schenck, Secretary.

15 Marked; 15 Most Excellent; 15 Exalted; 2 admitted; 2 suspended;
1 resigned; 169 members.***Monongahela Chapter, No. 249.***Monongahela City.**Tuesday after Full Moon.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe,

Treasurer.

A. M. Walker, Secretary.

26 members.

Corinthian Chapter, No. 250.*Philadelphia.**First Monday.*

CHARLES H. WETZEL, High Priest.

N. Ferree Lightner, King.

Leander C. Hall, Jr., Scribe.

Arnold M. Davis, Treasurer.

James McCormick, Secretary.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 1 admitted; 1 died;
3 resigned; 5 suspended; 172 members.

Signet Chapter, No. 251.*Philadelphia.**Fourth Tuesday.*

FRANK C. HEADMAN, High Priest.

Harry T. Kingston, King.

William J. Barr, Scribe.

Silas W. Pettit, Treasurer.

Oscar R. Meyers, Secretary.

4 Marked; 4 Most Excellent; 4 Exalted; 1 admitted; 1 suspended;
1 resigned from Lodge over six months; 114 members.

Mizpah Chapter, No. 252.*Mahanoy City.**Thursday after Full Moon.*

PHAON HERMANY, High Priest.

George F. Brendle, King.

David Hutchison, Scribe.

William L. Yoder, Treasurer.

Thomas L. Hess, Secretary.

2 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 2 died; 34 members.

North East Chapter, No. 253.North East, Erie Co.**Second Monday.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

Charles A. Hitchcock, Secretary.

24 members.

Arnold Chapter, No. 254.*Port Allegheny, McKean Co. Second Tuesday.*

G. M. SMITH, High Priest.

C. N. Barrett, King.

C. R. Bard, Scribe.

L. H. Dollay, Treasurer.

E. P. Dalrymple, Secretary.

5 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 23 members.

Bedford Chapter, No. 255.*Bedford, Bedford Co. Third Wednesday on or before Full Moon.*

ATCHESON C. HINEH, High Priest.

Oliver L. Lockwood, King.

James Cleaver, Scribe.

James W. Hughes, Treasurer.

Henry S. Dibert, Secretary.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 33 members.

Fernwood Chapter, No. 256.Fernwood, Delaware Co. Wednesday on or before Full Moon.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

William H. Neilson, Secretary.

Marked ; Most Excellent ; Exalted ; died ; resigned ; 52 members.

Shiloh Chapter, No. 257.*Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co.**Third Monday.*

SAMUEL BATTLES WILLIAMS, High Priest.

James Hart Reno, King.

Allen Campbell Kerr, Scribe.

Joseph Eichbaum, Treasurer.

James Edgar Stevenson, Secretary.

13 Marked ; 13 Most Excellent ; 13 Exalted ; 89 members.

Chester Chapter, No. 258.*Chester, Delaware Co. Last Monday.*

JOSEPH CASHO, High Priest.

John Fountain, King.

Charles F. Foster, Scribe.

Charles D. Pennell, Treasurer.

Theodore W. Stone, Secretary.

2 Marked ; 2 Most Excellent ; 2 Exalted ; 1 resigned ; 80 members.

Eden Chapter, No. 259.Edenburg, Clarion Co.**Second Tuesday.*

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

J. Wilson Greenland, Secretary.

30 members.

Bradford Chapter, No. 260.*Bradford, McKean Co.**First and Third Thursday.*

JOSEPH H. SIMONDS, High Priest.

William R. Weaver, King.

William A. Rix, Scribe.

Charles L. Wheeler, Treasurer.

Robert T. Thompson, Secretary.

18 Marked ; 17 Most Excellent ; 9 Exalted ; 1 admitted ; 34 members.

MARK LODGES.

*Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91.

Philadelphia.

Second Monday.

Worshipful Master.

Senior Warden.

Junior Warden.

Treasurer.

James Blelock, Secretary.

Marked ; admitted or restored ; died or resigned ; suspended ;
expelled ; rejected ; 710 members.

Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214.

Philadelphia.

Second Tuesday.

WILLIAM S. DILKES, Worshipful Master.

Augustus R. Hall, Senior Warden. Wm. Elder, Junior Warden.

George W. Wood, Treasurer. Thomas S. Woodbury, Secretary.

o Marked ; o admitted ; 2 restored ; 18 died ; o resigned ; 5 struck off ;
4 suspended ; o expelled ; o rejected ; 633 members.

*Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 216.

Philadelphia.

Third Tuesday.

Worshipful Master.

Senior Warden.

Junior Warden.

Treasurer.

Samuel W. Wray, Secretary.

Marked ; admitted ; restored ; died ; resigned ; suspended ;
expelled ; rejected ; 473 members.

GRAND CHAPTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA.

1880.

HIBBERT P. JOHN, M. E. Grand High Priest.

P. O. Address, Masonic Temple, Broad Street, Philadelphia.

AUGUSTUS R. HALL, M. E. Grand King.

GEORGE W. KENDRICK, Jr., M. E. Grand Scribe.

THOMAS R. PATTON, M. E. Grand Treasurer.

CHARLES E. MEYER, M. E. Grand Secretary,

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COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

ANDREW ZANE, Jr., Chairman.

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND HOLY
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF
PENNSYLVANIA.

1883.

GRAND
HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Held at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, March 8th, 1883.

PRESENT:

- Comp. AUGUSTUS R. HALL, . . . *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
“ GEO. W. KENDRICK, JR., . . . *M. E. Grand King.*
“ MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
“ THOMAS R. PATTON, . . . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
“ CHARLES E. MEYER, . . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

and the appointed officers in their respective places.

Past Grand High Priests.—Companions CHARLES E. MEYER, ANDREW ROBENO, GEORGE E. WAGNER and HIBBERT P. JOHN.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 150, 152, 162, 169, 173, 175, 181, 183, 186, 189, 190, 193, 195, 196, 197, 198, 202, 208, 214, 216, 218, 220, 223, 224, 226, 232, 233, 234, 235, 238, 239, 240, 243, 247, 248, 250, 251, 252, 256, 257, 258, 262.

Grand Chapter opened in ancient and solemn form at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held December 7th, 1882, and of the Annual Communication, held December 27th, 1882, were read and approved.

By-laws and amendments to the By-laws were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws from the following Chapters:

Nos. 189, 208, 258, and Code from No. 262.

Petitions were received, asking permission to receive new petitions, from the following Chapters:

Chapter No. 237, to receive new petitions from H. T. H. and W. J.

Chapter No. 240, to receive new petition from H. S., rejected in Mark Lodge No. 214, there being no objections from Mark Lodge No. 214.

Chapter No. 257, new petition from J. H. P., rejected in Chapter No. 193. Objection was made to Chapter No. 257 receiving the petition by Chapter No. 193.

On motion, permission was granted, under the usual restrictions, in each of these cases.

A petition was received from Chapter No. 169, asking Grand Chapter to remove the suspension of Comp. G. G. M., suspended in error.

On motion, the prayer of the petitioners was granted and the suspension removed.

A petition was received from Chapter No. 173, asking permission to remove to their new hall when finished, which was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

A petition was received from a number of Companions for a warrant for a new Chapter at Shamokin, Northumberland County, Penn., which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

The following communication was received and, on motion, a new warrant was ordered to be issued as asked for.

PHILADELPHIA, February 19th, 1883.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania :

At the Stated Meeting of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, R. A. Masons, held this date, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, fraternally petitions the M. E. Grand Chapter, of Pennsylvania, that there be issued to it a warrant, confirming to it (Chapter No. 3) its organization in 1758.

Extract from the minutes.

DENNIS F. DEALY,
Secretary.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted.

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the
M. E. Grand H. R. Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS :

Your Committee on By-Laws, having carefully examined the By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws referred to them, beg leave to offer the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 262 be amended by inserting at the beginning of Sec. 1st, of Art. III, the words, "on the night appointed for;" by striking out of the same section the words, "shall take place at the stated meeting, next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day and"; by striking out the whole of Section 3, of the same Article; by striking out of Section 1, Article V., the words, "nor shall any credits be allowed him without them;" by striking out of the third paragraph of Section 2, of the same Article the words, "attend all meetings;" by striking out of the 4th paragraph of the same section the words, "shall keep all accounts between the Chapter and its members and the Grand Chapter;" and as thus amended, said By-Laws be then approved.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters, Nos. 189, 208 and 258, be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,

Chairman.

Phila., March 8, 1883, A. I. 2413.

The consideration of the new Constitution was then taken up.

The Committee reported and read a number of proposed alterations, in compliance with suggestions they had received from members of the Grand Chapter.

After several proposed amendments, which were not adopted, on motion of Comp. William J. Kelly, the Constitution with the Amendments, as reported by the Committee, was adopted by an unanimous vote.

Comp. Louis Wagner moved that the Committee have power to re-arrange the sections if necessary, which was agreed to.

Comp. Grand Secretary Meyer, on behalf of the Committee, presented the following, which were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the Constitution, as adopted by the Grand Chapter, shall take effect, and go into operation on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24th, 1883.

Resolved, That the Committee on revision be continued with power to draft the necessary forms, ceremonials, etc., in accordance with the revised Constitution.

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand Secretary be directed to prepare a form of minutes, and the Committee on By-laws be directed to prepare a form of By-laws, in accordance with the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That each Chapter in this Jurisdiction be directed to forward to the M. E. Grand Secretary a copy of its By-laws for correction by the Committee on By-laws, on or before the 1st day of August next.

Resolved, That every Chapter hereafter adopting a whole code of By-laws shall use the printed form authorized by the Grand Chapter, omitting therefrom, such part or parts as it does not require, and adding thereto such special provisions as in its judgment are necessary, not in contravention to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand Secretary be directed to have the revised Constitution, with the forms and ceremonies, etc., when prepared, printed and bound. Each Chapter in this Jurisdiction, upon forwarding to that officer the copies of the Constitution it now has shall be entitled to receive four copies of the revised work. The price of the book shall be, in other cases, \$1.00 each.

The Grand Chapter was then "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the degree of a Mark Master Mason.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened and the degree exemplified by the Grand Officers.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on.

The Grand Chapter was closed in peace at 9 o'clock and 15 minutes, P. M,

CHARLES E. MEYER,

Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, June 7th, 1883.

PRESENT.

Comp. AUGUSTUS R. HALL, . . . *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
“ GEO. W. KENDRICK, JR., . . . *M. E. Grand King.*
“ MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
“ THOMAS R. PATTON, . . . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
“ CHARLES E. MEYER, . . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

Past Grand High Priests.—GEORGE W. WOOD and CHARLES E. MEYER.

Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 169, 174, 175, 181, 183, 190, 197, 198, 208, 214, 218, 221, 226, 232, 233, 234, 238, 240, 243, 248, 250, 256, 262.

Grand Chapter was opened in ancient and solemn form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of March 8th, were read and approved.

Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters No. 186, 250 and 260, also a code from Chapter No. 254, were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The following petitions were received from Chapters to receive new petitions from rejected applicants.

Chapter No. 43 to receive new petition from M. L. D., which was granted under the usual restrictions.

Chapter No. 162, to receive new petition from H. K., rejected in Chapter No. 217, which was laid upon the table.

Chapter No. 183, to receive new petition from J. F. M., which was granted under the usual restrictions.

Chapter No. 215, to receive new petition from G. M. M., which was granted under the usual restrictions.

Chapter No. 219, to receive new petition from I. W. M., which was granted under the usual restrictions.

Chapter No. 248, to receive new petition from E. Z., rejected in Chapter No. 43, which was granted under the usual restrictions.

Chapter No. 173, to receive new petition from S. E. M. Owing to the complications in this case the matter was referred to a Committee of Five to investigate the subject and report.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed the following Committee:

Comps. James S. Barber, Henry R. Coulomb, Samuel J. Dickey, Edward Masson and E. H. Hults.

The Grand Secretary reported that returns had been received from all the Chapters and Mark Lodges except the Chapter at Girard.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report :

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the
M. E. Grand H. R. Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS :

Your Committee on By-Laws, having carefully examined the By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws submitted to them, respectfully report the following resolution for your consideration :

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters, Nos. 186, 250 and 260, be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,

Chr. Com. on By-Laws.

Phila., June 7, 1883.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then announced to Grand Chapter the death of Past Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. Edward P. Lescure in the following words :

COMPANIONS :

It is with much sorrow that I announce to you that since our last Communication one of our most honored and beloved Companions has been called to meet the great I Am, and has solved that problem which to us must ever remain a mystery, until we too are summoned by the grim messenger of death to appear in the presence of Him to whom the secrets of all hearts are known. M. E. Past Grand High Priest, Comp. EDWARD P. LESCURE, born, November 18th, 1797 ; died April 6th, 1883, in the 86th year of his age ; in service and in age the oldest Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter. Four score and six years ! To look forward, what a life ! To look back, how brief the time. Ripe in years, rich in honors, carrying with him the love, esteem and respect of his brethren, crowned with those deeds which will gain his admission to the Sanctuary of the Just, where he shall receive the commendation of "*Well done thou good and faithful servant ! Come, enter into the blessings of Eternal Life !*"

At the age of fifteen, he entered the naval service of his country, and was an active participant in the the War of 1812.

No doubt the battle cry of "Free Trade and Sailors' Rights," which thrilled the nation, that but twenty-one years before had won its freedom, found a ready response in his young heart, always quick to espouse the cause of the oppressed.

During the war, the vessel in which he was serving, whilst bringing a prize into port, was captured by a British frigate, and he, with others made prisoners, and forced to serve four months on different British war vessels, and seven months in Dartmoor Prison.

At the Massacre of American Prisoners at Dartmoor, Companion Lescure barely escaped with his life.

After the Battle of New Orleans, he was released and returned to his own country.

He then learned the trade of silver-smith, and in connection with the jewelry business, established a large and profitable trade, and by much industry amassed considerable means.

While still quite young, he met with a great misfortune. His store, located at Third and Market Streets, was robbed. The thieves carrying off about \$20,000 worth of goods, which in those days was considered a very large sum. This heavy loss in connection with the large amount spent by Companion Lescure in detecting and bringing the thieves to punishment (and in which he ultimately succeeded) completely exhausted his resources, and the panic caused by the failure of the Bank of the United States occurring about this time, he was never afterward able to resume business successfully. No doubt if Companion Lescure had condoned the crime, as is the fashion in these days, matters would have resulted differently. But let us for a moment imagine Edward P. Lescure in such a position and then, what?

Being offered a position in the Custom House, he accepted it, and served in the Department under different administrations for about twenty-five years, and until Col. Wm. B. Thomas became Collector of the Port.

During the Rebellion, he served in the Medical Purveyor's Department in this city. After the close of the War he was tendered a position in the Accounting and Disbursing Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which position he filled acceptably for seventeen years, and up to the time of his death.

The anti-masonic excitement and persecution of members of the Order impelled him to join the Fraternity. His natural sympathy for the persecuted prompted him to take an active part with them; being in striking contrast with the action of those who deserted the organization in its darkest hours.

He became a member of Phoenix Lodge, No. 130, F. and A. M., was entered April 18, 1838, crafted in May, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in July of the same year; elected Junior Warden, for the year 1840, Senior Warden for the year 1841 and Worshipful Master for the year 1842; was elected Secretary in the year 1855, and again in 1864, and successively for each year thereafter up to and including 1883, the time of his death.

Had the Mark Master Mason's Degree conferred upon him in Zerrubabel Mark Lodge, No. 213, August 23, 1839. Was approved and became a member of Harmony Chapter, No. 52, Royal Arch Masons, May 1st, 1840, received and accepted M. E. M. on the same date, and exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason, June 5th, 1840; was elected Scribe for the year 1841; King for 1842, and M. E. High Priest for 1843.

He was appointed Grand Master of the Second Veil of the Grand Chapter of Penna., December 27th, 1842; Grand Master of the Third Veil, December 27th, 1843; Grand Captain of the Hcst, 1844, '45, '46 and '47; was elected Grand Scribe, December 27th, 1848; Grand King, December 27th, 1849 and '50, and M. E. Grand High Priest, December 27th, 1851 and '52.

In 1846, he was appointed a Member of the Board of Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, having been a member of the original Committee, appointed by the Grand Lodge in 1844, to draft rules and regulations for the government of the Fund.

In 1851 he was elected President of the Board, and continued to serve in that capacity until 1871, when he resigned in consequence of advancing years.

He was presented, on his retirement, with a set of resolutions on behalf of the Grand Lodge, and as a testimonial of his long, faithful and valued services.

The death of Companion Lescure removes one of Masonry's most illustrious members; illustrious for his charity, his outspoken condemnation of wrong, his upright character, his modest and retiring demeanor. Never seeking preferment, but one whom we all delighted to honor. Such a man sheds a lustre upon our Fraternity.

Whilst we mourn his loss, let us profit by his example, so that when we put off mortality we may put on immortality. For to-day we live, to-morrow we die. The past and the present are within the scope of our knowledge, but of the future we know not.

June 7th, 1883.

Comp. William J. Kelly then offered the following, which was unanimously adopted.

M. E. Grand High Priest:

Having listened, in common with my Companions of this M. E. Grand Chapter, to the plain but eloquent history of the life and doings of our deceased P. G. H. P., I am impelled to contribute my mite to show my respect for a faithful worker in our vineyard, of affection for one so gentle, confiding and true, of gratitude for one, who, though he bore our highest honors and responsibilities, yet never, by word or deed, gave offense to any, or the slightest cause to regret his elevation, or to wish the power he wielded was in other hands. And in order that we may, by formal vote of this Grand Chapter, express our sense of loss at his demise. It is hereby

Resolved, That to properly commemorate the death of Comp. P. G. H. P. Edward P. Lescure, the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, in Quarterly Communication assem-

bled, desire to place upon record their appreciation of the high qualities of mind and heart so largely possessed by our deceased Companion.

And this is eminently due to him as our oldest P. G. H. P., who, although he lived to the ripe old age of eighty-six years, was, throughout his life, so gentle, kind and charitable as not to have a single enemy in the world.

As a citizen he realized the best type of our people, and when his country called for assistance, in the War of 1812, he responded with alacrity and nearly paid with his life the debt of honor he owed his native land. Again, in his manly and honorable conduct as a merchant in this city, a notable incident of which was the robbery of his store of nearly the entire stock, and the expenditure of the balance of his means in ferreting out and prosecuting the thieves to a conviction. He would allow no bargain to be made, no compromise to be accepted by which he would be benefitted personally; but resolutely and earnestly pressed for the justice of our laws, that protect the weak and strong alike, and punish the wrong-doer for the common benefit of the community. It is also due to him, from the fact that when our Fraternity was being persecuted in the line of politics, when many good men who were of us flinched in their duty, and deserted their posts, he came forward and asked to be taken as an initiate in our mysteries, and to be allowed to contribute his share of the moral courage so much required to stem the tide of fanaticism, which, for the time being, was sweeping over the country to our detriment. His life has been a truly Masonic life, and during the nearly half century he has been connected with us he has been constant in his attendance, true in his decisions, noble in his sympathy for the poor and afflicted, and as President of the Board of Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, has left a monument of which any one might be proud.

Resolved, The above be spread upon our minutes and that the Grand Chapter jewels be draped in mourning for the space of six months.

Comp. Louis Wagner offered the following, which was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, An effort is now being made by many of the subordinate Masonic bodies in this jurisdiction to secure the early establishment of a Home for Aged and Indigent Masons, an enterprise commending itself to the judgment and charity of all Royal Arch Masons; therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania has heard with great satisfaction of the movement to establish such a Home, and that it cordially recommends this great charity to the active co-operation and aid of its several subordinate Lodges and Chapters.

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be, and he is hereby, respectfully requested to appoint a Special Committee of fifteen to represent this Grand Chapter in the meetings held to consider this matter.

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of these resolutions to each of the Lodges and Chapters of this jurisdiction.

In accordance with the foregoing, the M. E. Grand High Priest appointed the following Committee:—Comps. Thomas R. Patton, Andrew Robeno, John Thomson, John C. Yeager, M. R. Mucklé, John Keller, Jr., E. G. Martin, M. D., John I. Beggs, John Slingluff, Jesse Orr, Ed. Strickland, Anthony E. Stocker, M. D., William A. Witherup, Jacob W. Dowler and James S. Barber.

The Grand Chapter was then “called off” to exemplify the degree of a Most Excellent Master Mason.

A Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was opened and the degree exemplified.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

Grand Chapter closed in peace at 9.15 o'clock, P.M.

CHARLES E. MEYER,

Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, September 6th, 1883.

PRESENT :

- Comp. AUGUSTUS R. HALL, . . . *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
“ GEO. W. KENDRICK, JR., . . . *M. E. Grand King.*
“ MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
“ JOHN THOMSON, *M. E. Grand Treasurer p.t.*
“ CHARLES E. MEYER, . . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

Past Grand High Priests.—GEORGE W. WOOD, CHARLES E. MEYER and HIBBERT P. JOHN.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 169, 175, 183, 190, 195, 197, 198, 208, 215, 221, 232, 233, 234, 235, 240, 243, 248, 250, 252, 258, 262.

Grand Chapter opened in ample form at 7.05 o'clock, P. M.

Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of June 7th, 1883, were read and approved.

Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 170, were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A petition was received from G. P. C. in reference to his suspension in Chapter No. —, but it appearing from the records that he had been suspended previously by a Mark Lodge, and said suspension still remaining on the books of the Grand Chapter, on motion, made and seconded, the petition was received and filed.

A petition was received, and read, from a number of Companions, asking for a warrant for a Chapter at Westfield, Tioga County. On motion the matter was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A Communication from the Grand Chapter of Quebec in reference to an invasion of its jurisdiction by the Grand Mark Lodge of England, was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Grand Secretary reported that the warrant of Chapter No. 213 was suspended for failure to hold its meetings and make its returns.

The Grand Treasurer's absence was reported as being on account of a visit to Europe.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report.

To the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania :

COMPANIONS: The Grand Secretary respectfully presents the following annual report of the Chapters, Mark Lodges, and membership of this Jurisdiction, for the year ending December 27th, 1882.

CHAPTERS.

The number of members, December 27th, 1881, was	10,044
Admitted during 1882,	105
Marked, etc., during 1882,	768
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	10,917

Restored to good Masonic standing, 30.

DEDUCT.

Resigned during 1882,	155	
Died,	"	"	.	.	.	143	
Suspended	"	"	.	.	.	197	
Expelled	"	"	.	.	.	3	
							498
Rejected	"	"	.	.	.	26	
Members, December 27th, 1882,	.	.					10,419

MARK LODGES.

The number of Members December 27th, 1881, was 1,718

DEDUCT.

Resigned during 1882,	.	.	.	.	.	1	
Died	"	"	.	.	.	28	
Suspended	"	"	.	.	.	3	
Expelled	"	"	.	.	.		32
Members, December 27th, 1882,	.	.	.				1,686
The number of Chapters December 27th, 1882, was							107
The number of Mark Lodges	"	"	"	"	"		3

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. MEYER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, SEPT. 6th, 1883.

The Committee on By-Laws presented their report which was adopted, in which they approved the proposed amendment to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 170.

The Grand Chapter was closed in peace at 8 o'clock, P. M.

CHARLES E. MEYER,

Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Held at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Dec. 6th, 1883.

PRESENT:

Comp. AUGUSTUS R. HALL, . . . *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
“ GEO. W. KENDRICK, JR., . . . *M. E. Grand King.*
“ MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
“ THOMAS R. PATTON, . . . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
“ CHARLES E. MEYER, . . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

District Deputy Grand High Priests.—JOHN J. WADSWORTH, JOHN I. BEGGS, SAMUEL L. FRENCH, JOSEPH H. SIMONDS, P. M. HOCHHEIMER, JOHN A. WEAVER, JOHN SLINGLUFF, EDWARD H. TURNER, ANDREW W. COX, D. H. SEIBERT and SAMUEL HARPER.

Past Grand High Priests.—Companions GEORGE W. WOOD, SAMUEL C. PERKINS, CHARLES E. MEYER, ANDREW ROBENO, and HIBBERT P. JOHN.

Chapters, Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 159, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 169, 170, 172, 173, 175, 181, 183, 185, 186, 189, 190, 193, 196, 197, 198, 201, 206, 207, 208, 214, 215, 218, 219, 221, 222, 226, 228, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 247, 248, 250, 251, 252, 255, 256, 257, 258, 260, 261, 262, 264. (65 Chapters.)

Grand Chapter opened in ancient form at 6 o'clock,
P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held September 6th, 1883, were read and approved.

Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 190, 239, 249 and 261 ; new Codes of By-Laws for Chapters Nos. 91, 171, 193, 195, 261, were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report :

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania :

COMPANIONS: The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer, Comp. THOMAS R. PATTON, from December 5th, 1882, to November 20th, 1883; and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, Comp. CHARLES E. MEYER, from December 5th, 1882, to November 20th, 1883, and found them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing :

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand December 5th, 1882,	. . .	\$2,456 16
For dues and fees from Chapters and Mark Lodges,		4,529 27
For warrants,	. . . . .	200 00
For interest on Masonic Loan,	. . . . .	1,000 00
For interest on deposits of Grand Treasurer,	. . . . .	50 99
For sale of Certificates, Constitutions, Dispensations,		
Attests, etc.,	. . . . .	50 00
Total,	. . . . .	<u>\$8,286 42</u>

PAYMENTS.

Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest,		
H. P. John,	. . . . .	\$ 200 00
Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest,		
A. R. Hall,	. . . . .	1,500 00
Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests,		462 76

Amount of Payments brought forward,	\$2,162 76	
Salary, Grand Sec. to Sept. 27th, 1883,	750 00	
Salary, Grand Secretary's Clerk to Sept.		
27th, 1883,	375 00	
Salary, Grand Tyler to Sept. 27th, 1883,	100 00	
Rent from Sept. 30th, 1882, to Sept.		
30th, 1883,	1,700 00	
Printing, including proceedings, blanks,		
etc.,	455 53	
Printing, Lithographing and Binding		
Constitutions,	633 47	
Charity,	50 00	
Tuning Organ, one year,	40 00	
Carriages, funeral P. G. H. P. Lescure,	16 00	
Postage, Expressage, Telegraphing, Sta-		
tionery and Office expenses G. Sec.,	107 96	
	<hr/>	6,390 72
Balance,		\$1,895 70
With which to pay balances due on appropriations to December 27th, 1883, as follows:		
Rent from Sept. 30th, 1883, to Dec.		
30th, 1883,	\$425 00	
Salary of Grand Sec. to Dec. 27th, 1883,	187 50	
" Clerk, " " "	100 00	
" G. Tyler, " " "	25 00	
Tuning Organ to Dec. 30th, 1883, .	20 00	
	<hr/>	757 50
Showing a balance of		\$1,138 20
To which add amount due by Chapters, as per		
balance sheet,		63 86
Showing a surplus over all appropriations and ex-		
penditures to December 27th, 1883, of		\$1,202 06

We have examined the investments held by the M. E. Grand Treasurer, amounting to twenty thousand dollars, all of which are bonds of the five per cent. Masonic Loan, in the name of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and found them correct.

The Committee present the following estimate of receipts and expenditures for the year 1884.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand November 20th, 1883, . . .	\$1,895 70
Dues and Fees from Chapters and Mark Lodges, . . .	4,500 00
Interest on Investments,	1,000 00
New Warrant,	100 00
Sales of Constitutions, Certificates, Dispensations, etc.,	100 00
Total,	<u>\$7,595 70</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Rent for 1884,	\$1,700 00
Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest, . . .	1,200 00
“ D. D. “ “ Priests, . . .	750 00
Salary of Grand Secretary,	750 00
“ Clerk,	400 00
“ Grand Tyler,	150 00
Expenses of Grand Chapter, Masonic Clothing, etc.,	100 00
Printing, Annual Proceedings, Post- age, Stationery, etc.,	650 00
Tuning Organ for 1884,	40 00
Balances due on appropriations to Dec. 27th, 1883,	757 50
	<u>6,497 50</u>
Showing an apparent surplus of	<u>\$1,098 20</u>

The Committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That appropriations be made for the year 1884 as follows:

For Expenses of the M. E. Grand High Priest, .	\$1,200 00
“ “ “ D. D. Grand High Priests in visiting Chapters,	750 00
For Rent,	1,700 00
For Printing, including Annual Proceedings, Postage, Expressage, Stationery, etc.,	650 00
For Salary of Grand Secretary,	750 00
“ “ Clerk,	400 00
“ “ Grand Tyler,	150 00
For Tuning Organ,	40 00
For Masonic Clothing, etc,	100 00
For Investment,	1,000 00

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be, and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrants on the M. E. Grand Treasurer for the amounts named in the foregoing resolution, as they become due and payable.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be, and are hereby directed to invest one thousand dollars, at such time as they in their judgment may deem best.

The Grand Treasurer informs the Finance Committee that, during his absence in Europe last summer, the account of the Grand Chapter was transferred from the Fidelity Trust Company to the Union Trust Company, and said Trust Company being an entirely satisfactory institution, your Committee recommend that the action be approved.

WILLIAM J. KELLY,
CHARLES W. PACKER,
JAMES P. MALSEED,
SAMUEL W. WRAY,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
Finance Committee.

BALANCES, NOVEMBER 20th, 1883.

Dr.		Cr.	
Chapter No. 52,	\$ 3 00	Chapter No. 167,	\$ 3 00
“ “ 164,	02	“ “ 171,	1 80
“ “ 165,	17 15	“ “ 172,	22
“ “ 166,	19 85	“ “ 177,	05
“ “ 169,	60	“ “ 179,	1 20
“ “ 173,	02	“ “ 180,	30
“ “ 176,	11 70	“ “ 181,	60
“ “ 182,	75	“ “ 183,	30
“ “ 197,	02	“ “ 185,	75
“ “ 213,	2 70	“ “ 192,	1 50
“ “ 236,	30	“ “ 194,	27
“ “ 239,	75	“ “ 195,	3 90
“ “ 242,	2 28	“ “ 198,	2 25
“ “ 246,	20 40	“ “ 212,	05
“ “ 247,	1 76	“ “ 215,	2 78
“ “ 256,	23 64	“ “ 216,	1 50
“ “ 257,	30	“ “ 218,	60
Mark Lodge No. 216,	20	“ “ 225,	3 93
Cash,	1,895 70	“ “ 226,	30
Expenses G. H. P.,	1,700 00	“ “ 229,	4 40
“ D. D. G. H. P.,	462 76	“ “ 230,	30
“ Grand Chapter,	2,952 96	“ “ 231,	60
Salaries,	1,225 00	“ “ 233,	38
Investments,	20,000 00	“ “ 244,	1 50
Charity,	50 00	“ “ 254,	8 80
		“ “ 259,	30
		Dues,	4,634 12
		Interest,	1,050 99
		Certificates, etc.,	50 00
		Warrants,	200 00
		G. Chapter of Pa.,	22,415 17
	<hr/> \$28,391 86		<hr/> \$28,391 86

BALANCES, NOVEMBER 20th, 1883.

After the closing entries are made for the fiscal year 1883.

DR.		CR.	
Due by Chapters,	\$ 105 44	Due to Chapters,	\$ 41 58
Cash,	1,895 70	G. Chapter of Pa.,	21,959 56
Investments,	20,000 00		
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	\$22,001 14		\$22,001 14

On motion the Report of the Committee was received, and the Resolutions attached thereto, unanimously adopted.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report:

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the
M. E. Grand H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS :

The Committee on By-Laws to whom was referred the By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws, hereinafter mentioned, having carefully examined the same, respectfully report the following Resolutions for your consideration :

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 171 and 195 be corrected in the following particulars : Strike out of Art. II. the words "The meetings in the months of July and August may be dispensed with by a vote of the Chapter"; strike out of Art. III. all after the word "Stewards"; strike out of the fifth paragraph of Sec. 2 of Art. IV., the words "signs the written By-Laws and he shall also furnish him," and insert in their place the words, "is furnished"; strike out of the same paragraph the word "thereof," and insert in its place the words "of the By-Laws"; strike out of Art. X. the words, "and at the same time pay all indebtedness to the Chapter up to that time or have the same remitted on such payment or remission"; strike out of Art. XI. the words, "or who may withdraw," also the words, "There shall be no charge for a demit," and as thus corrected said By-Laws are approved.

In justice to Chapters Nos. 171 and 195, it should be stated that all the foregoing errors are to be found in the printed copy of the form of By-Laws issued by this Grand Chapter, and which were the result of the hasty action of the Chairman of

your Committee in furnishing the copy to the printer, and want of time, afterwards, to compare the proof with the Constitution then just adopted by the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 193, be corrected as follows: Strike out of Sec. 1, Art. II. the words, "The meetings in the months of July and August may be dispensed with by a vote of the Chapter"; strike out of Art. III. all after the word "Chaplain"; insert in Sec. 2 of Art. IX., after the words "Past High" the word "Priest;" strike out of Art. X. the words, "and at the same time pay all indebtedness to the Chapter up to that time or have the same remitted on such payment or remission"; strike out of Art. XI. the words "or who may withdraw," also the words "There shall be no charge for a dimit"; and as thus corrected, said By-Laws are approved.

All but one of these errors were caused by the defective form of By-Laws sent forth, as above stated.

Resolved, That the proposed Code of By-Laws of Chapter No. 261 be corrected as follows: Strike out of Art. II. the words, "The meetings in the months of July and August may be dispensed with, by a vote of the Chapter"; strike out of Sec. 2, of Art. III., all after the word "Stewards"; strike out of the Fifth paragraph of Sec. 2, of Art. IV. the words, "signs the written By-Laws and he shall also furnish him," and insert in place the words "is furnished," also by striking out the word "thereof," and inserting in its place the words, "of the By-Laws"; strike out of Art. IX. the words "and at the same time pay all indebtedness to the Chapter up to that time, or have the same remitted on such payment or remission"; strike out of Art. X., the words "or who may withdraw," also the words "There shall be no charge for a dimit;" and as thus corrected, said By-Laws are approved.

These errors arise from the same cause as those mentioned above in the cases of Nos. 171 and 195.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 91, be approved.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS. ~

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters, Nos. 190, 239, 249 and 260 be approved.

For the purpose of correcting the errors found in the printed form of By-Laws sent out by this Grand Chapter, the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to have circulars printed calling attention to the following errors, which are to be omitted by Chapters, in the consideration of By-Laws, and a copy thereof, sent to every Chapter, and also a copy to be enclosed with each Copy of the Constitution hereafter sent out.

Omit from Art. II., the words "The meeting in the months of July and August, may be dispensed with by a vote of the Chapter." (See Section 80 of the Constitution.)

Omit from Sec. 2, of Art. III., all after the words "two Stewards." (See Section 74 of the Constitution.)

Strike out of the Fifth paragraph of Sec. 2, of Art. IV., the words "signs the written By-Laws, and he shall also furnish him," and insert in their place the words "is furnished"; strike out of the same paragraph the words "thereof," and insert "of the By-Laws," (See Section 121 of the Constitution.)

Article VI., Section 2; after membership add "who has been rejected."

Omit from Article X., the words "and at the same time pay all indebtedness to the Chapter up to the time, or have the same remitted; on such payment or remission." (See Section 122 of the Constitution).

Omit from Article XI the words "or who may withdraw," also the words "There shall be no charge for a dimit." (See Section 122 of the Constitution.)

Fraternally Submitted,

J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,

Chairman.

Phila. Dec. 6, 1883, A. I. 2413.

On motion the Resolution and Report were adopted.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report which was ordered spread upon the Minutes.

Philadelphia, Dec. 6, 1883.

To the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS: The Committee on Printing and Publishing respectfully report that they have approved bills for the following amounts:

Proceedings of 1882 and Sundry Blanks, .	\$455 53
Electrotyping, Printing, and Binding	
New Constitution,	643 47

Total, \$1,099 00

Fraternally Submitted,

DENNIS F. DEALY.

Chairman.

The Special Committee to whom had been referred certain irregularities in Easton Chapter, No. 173, presented the following report:

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and members of Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of the application of Easton Chapter, No. 173, for permission to receive a new petition from Bro. S. E. M——, a rejected applicant, with instructions to investigate the irregularities alleged to have taken place at the January and February meetings of that Chapter, have attended to the duty assigned them and respectfully submit the following report :

In order to intelligently get at the subject, your committee caused to be summoned before them the officers and several of the members of Easton Chapter, No. 173.

In obedience to the summons there appeared before the Committee the following companions :

Comp. Benj. F. Siegert, King ; Comp. Frank M. Terry, Scribe ; Comp. Samuel S. Yohe, Secretary ; Comp. Dr. Joseph Mixsell, P. H. P. ; Comp. Levi S. Zeiner, Comp. Enos Workheiser. Comp. John A. Weaver, D. D. G. H. P. was also present.

After a patient and exhaustive examination of these companions your committee find :

That a stated meeting of Easton Chapter, No. 173, R. A. M., was held January 22d, 1883. Present, Comp. George Washington Geiser, M. E. High Priest, his officers and companions.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened in ancient and solemn form at 7.15 o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the last stated meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Committee upon the application of Bro. S. E. M—— for initiation and membership, reported favorably, whereupon he was balloted for and rejected. The Committee to whom had been referred the application of Bro.

E. H. S. for initiation and membership reported favorably, whereupon he was balloted for and rejected.

The Committee to whom had been referred the application of Bro. Jos. H. Evans for initiation and membership reported favorably and the ballot was being taken when Comp. P. H. P. Joseph Mixsell called the attention of the M. E. H. P. to the fact that voices could be heard in the ante-room, and that he suspected that the Chapter was not duly tyled and suggested that the proceedings were not regular.

Comp. P. H. Priest, L. M. Fine, then moved that the proceedings be declared null and void. The M. E. H. Priest heard what the Companions had to say, and asked if the the D. D. G. H. Priest was in waiting, and being informed that he was, received him and asked for his decision in the matter.

The D. D. G. H. Priest, Comp. John A. Weaver, stated that he was not prepared to give a decision, but in his opinion the proceedings were irregular.

The M. E. H. Priest, then decided that the proceedings were irregular, and null and void; and, directed that the Tyler be stationed at his proper place, and the chapter duly opened, which was then done, the M. E. H. Priest, George W. Geiser, being in the Chair, and the Officers in their respective stations and places.

No record of these proceedings appears upon the Minute Book of the Chapter. Your Committee only find a minute of the proceedings that occurred at the re-opening of the Chapter at 8.30 o'clock of the same evening, at which meeting no business was transacted, except the presentation of two new petitions; the petitions acted upon, as above stated, not being presented as they could not be found—having been spirited away.

At the Stated Meeting, held February, 1883, it appears that the Chapter was duly opened and the petitions, previously acted upon at the first meeting in January (as well as the two new ones) presented, acted upon and approved, and the Mark Degree conferred upon the Candidates.

Subsequently to this meeting, complaint having been made to the M. E. G. H. Priest, of the action of the Chapter, as above described, he made a decision, declaring the first meeting of the Chapter in January, to be regular, and valid, and action so far as it related to the case of Brothers M—— and S——, at the February meeting, null and void.

In view of the foregoing facts your Committee are unanimously of the opinion :

That all of the proceedings of Chapter No. 173, in January, were a part of that meeting and should be so recorded on the minute book.

That the action of Chapter No. 173 at the February meeting in balloting for the two candidates who were rejected at the meeting in January was illegal.

That the affairs of Chapter No. 173 have been conducted in a loose and irregular manner as shown by the careless tyling of the Chapter, and a lack of interest upon the part of the officers in carrying out the duties incumbent upon them.

So far as the application for permission to receive a new petition from Bro. S—— E. M——, a rejected candidate, is concerned, your committee can find no Masonic reason why such permission should not be granted.

They therefore offer the following resolutions, ask for their adoption and request to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject:

Resolved, That the Secretary of Easton Chapter, No. 173 be directed to spread upon the minute book, previous to the minutes as now recorded on page 252, the proceedings of the first meeting in January as prepared by him from memory at the request of the Committee; said proceedings being substantially corroborated by all the Companions examined.

(This minute being hereunto annexed.)

Resolved, That permission be granted to Easton Chapter No. 173 to receive a new petition from Bro. S—— E. M——, a rejected candidate, under the usual restrictions.

Resolved, That the officers of Easton Chapter No. 173 are deserving of censure for the loose and irregular manner in which the business of the Chapter has been conducted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES S. BARBER,
HENRY R. COULOMB;
SAM'L J. DICKEY,
EDWARD MASSON,
ELLSWORTH H. HULTS,
Committee.

Companion William J. Kelly moved to amend the last Resolution by striking out "are deserving of censure," and inserting in place thereof the words "be and they are hereby censured."

The Amendment, was, on motion, adopted, and the Report and Resolutions as amended were adopted.

The Report was ordered to be sent to Chapter, No. 173, under seal, with directions that it be read, and ordered to be entered on its minutes.

The Grand Secretary stated that he had received the Charter, Books and Papers of Girard Chapter, No. 213, whose warrant was suspended at the last Quarterly Communication, that the dues have since been paid, the suspension removed and the late members now surrendered the Warrant.

On motion the Warrant was ordered to be placed in the Archives.

On motion of Past Grand High Priest, Companion George W. Wood, an order was directed to be drawn in the sum of fifty dollars in favor of the Committee of Charity for the relief of P. G. High Priest ———

This being the time for holding the Annual Election of Officers to serve for the Masonic year beginning on St. John's Day next; tellers were appointed, who reported the following Companions duly elected:

- Comp. AUGUSTUS R. HALL, . . . *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 " GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., *M. E. Grand King.*
 " MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
 " THOMAS R. PATTON, . . . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
 " CHARLES E. MEYER, . . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

The M. E. Grand High Priests decided that the Election for Officers of Subordinate Chapters must be conducted the same as in the Grand Chapter!

That the M. E. High Priest of Chapters, must be invested with the Order of High Priesthood at the time of their Installation into Office.

All those present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood, having retired, Comp. Edward J. James was duly installed High Priest of St. John Chapter, No. 232, and had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon him.

Comp. Michael W. Reinoehl, of Chapter No. 197, had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon him.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted.

The Grand Chapter was closed in peace at 8.45 o'clock.

CHARLES E. MEYER,
Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

Held at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, St. John's Day, Dec. 27th, 1883.

PRESENT:

Comp.	AUGUSTUS R. HALL,	. . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
"	GEO. W. KENDRICK, JR.,	. . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
"	MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON,	. . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
"	THOMAS R. PATTON,	. . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	CHARLES E. MEYER,	. . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
"	J. ALEX. SIMPSON,	. . .	<i>Assistant Grand Secretary.</i>
"	ANDREW J. KAUFFMAN,	. . .	<i>Dis. Deputy G. H. Priest.</i>
"	JOHN SLINGLUFF,	. . .	" "
"	HENRY R. COULOMB,	. . .	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
"	JOHN KELLER, JR.,	. . .	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
"	JAMES S. BARBER,	. . .	<i>Grand R. A. Captain.</i>
"	CHARLES W. NOLEN,	. . .	<i>Grand Master of 3d Veil.</i>
"	ARTHUR H. WOODWARD,	. . .	<i>Grand Master of 2d Veil.</i>
"	SAMUEL J. DICKEY,	. . .	<i>Grand Master of 1st Veil, p.t.</i>
"	EDGAR FRIES,	. . .	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
"	EDWARD MASSON,	. . .	<i>Grand Marshall.</i>
"	JOHN L. YOUNG,	. . .	<i>S. G. Master Ceremonies, p.t.</i>
"	JOHN H. DYE,	. . .	<i>J. G. Master Ceremonies, p.t.</i>
"	WILLIAM A. SINN,	. . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

Past Grand High Priests.—GEORGE W. WOOD, SAMUEL C. PERKINS, MICHAEL NISBET, CHARLES E. MEYER, HIBBERT P. JOHN.

Past Grand Secretary.—M. E. Companion JOHN THOMSON.

Grand Representatives.—Companion SAMUEL C. PERKINS, Grand Chapter of Louisiana.

Companion GEORGE W. WOOD, Grand Chapter of Virginia.

“ MICHAEL NISBET, Grand Chapters of Nova Scotia and Oregon.

“ CHARLES E. MEYER, Grand Chapters of New York, Illinois, South Carolina, Iowa, Massachusetts, Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, Grand Mark Lodge of England, Wales and Quebec.

“ HIBBERT P. JOHN, Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

“ JOHN L. YOUNG, Grand Chapter of Maine.

“ THOMAS R. PATTON, Grand Chapters of Nebraska and Canada.

“ WILLIAM J. KELLY, Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

“ AUGUSTUS R. HALL, Grand Chapter of Indiana.

“ JAMES S. BARBER, Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

“ ELLSWORTH H. HULTS, Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.

Representatives of Chapters Nos. 3, 52, 91, 169, 175, 183, 190, 208, 224, 232, 240, 243, 248, 250, 251, 258, 262.

The Grand Chapter opened in solemn form at 6 o'clock and 20 minutes, P. M.

By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 206 and 224 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

General returns were received from Chapters, 91, 152, 162, 171, 173, 182, 189, 199, 201, 214, 218, 220, 221, 222, 228, 232, 234, 238, 239, 240, 244, 251, 253, 254, 256, 257, which were ordered to be entered and filed.

The following correspondence was read and ordered to be printed in the Proceedings:

Philadelphia, November 6th, 1883.

To Wm. Edwards, Grand Scribe E., Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, No. 1 South Hanover Street, Edinburgh, Scotland.

MY DEAR COMPANION :

I have just heard that during the present year (the past summer), that the Royal Arch Degrees were conferred on one Dr. Williams a resident of Philadelphia, but a traveler for the time being in Scotland. The circumstances were as follows, while Dr. Williams was going from Edinburgh to Stirling, he met the Officers of your Supreme Grand Chapter on their way to Stirling to resuscitate the Chapter at that place, that he was asked to accompany the Grand Officers and be present. He said he was not a Royal Arch Mason, when the Grand Officers proposed to confer the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry upon him in a Stirling Chapter, which was accordingly done.

If the foregoing is true I would request you to inform us the reason why a resident of this Jurisdiction (the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania,) should receive the Royal Arch Degrees in Scotland.

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania claims and exercises sole and exclusive Jurisdiction over all residents within Pennsylvania as far as relates to the Royal Arch Degrees. She respects and always has respected the rights of other Grand Chapters over residents of their Jurisdictions. Whenever asked to waive Jurisdiction, she cheerfully does so, but is very sensitive about the taking of her residents without authority. We have no word to say against the Masonic character of Dr. Williams, but we do object to the principal sought to be exercised by Scotland.

I am your Brother,

CHARLES E. MEYER,

Grand Secretary.

To this letter the following reply was received :

*Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland,
Scribes' Chamber, 1 South Hanover Street.*

Edinburgh, December 3d, 1883.

CHARLES E. MEYER, Esq.,

Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U. S. A.

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 6th ultimo. In reply permit me to state that in my official capacity as Grand Scribe E. of Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, I registered the name of Comp. James S. Williams, solicitor, whose address as given in the return form sent me from the "Stirling Rock" Chapter No. 2, is Philadelphia, the usual Diploma being issued to be delivered to him.

The information received by you that Dr. (?) Williams met the OFFICERS OF SUPREME CHAPTER when journeying to Stirling is incorrect. Neither Supreme Chapter or Supreme Grand Committee sent a deputation of their office bearers to Stirling on the occasion referred to. Dr. Dickson, it appears, a member of Supreme Chapter, met Dr. Williams and his friend, in the train while on his way to assist at the Exaltation of several Master Masons in "Stirling Rock" Chapter, having been requested to do so by friends he has in that Chapter. Dr. Dickson admits, and takes upon himself the whole responsibility of introducing Dr. Williams and his friend to the office bearers of the Stirling Rock Chapter and I understand he has written Dr. Williams an explanatory letter which I have no doubt will be shown to you for perusal.

As I have mentioned, in recording the name in the Books of Supreme Chapter and issuing the usual Diploma I have only followed the course pursued by Supreme Chapter since its formation and I do not think Stirling Rock Chapter has exceeded its powers or violated any law of the Supreme Chapter in admitting Dr. Williams.

Supreme Chapter Warrants or Charters confer the power of giving the "Mark Master," "Excellent," and "Royal Arch" degrees, also the Royal Ark Mariner, Knights of the Sword, Knights of the East and Knights of the East and West.

All Master Masons desirous of being exalted to the Royal Arch degree, must first take the "Mark" and "Excellent."

Yours fraternally,

WM. EDWARDS.

It appearing that Bro. Williams had not "passed the chair," etc., at the time of his advancement, as required in this Jurisdiction, it was, on motion, resolved that Dr. Williams be not recognized as a Royal Arch Mason, and that the Grand Secretary so notify the several Chapters, etc., in the Jurisdiction, and that the whole matter be referred to the Committee on Work and Jurisprudence.

A petition was received and read, asking for the restoration of the Warrant of the Anthony Wayne Chapter, No. 204, at Honesdale, Pa. On motion the matter was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A missive was received from the Grand High Priest of Maryland, appointing P. G. H. Priest, Andrew Robeno, as Grand Representative of Maryland near this Grand Chapter.

On motion, Comp. Robeno was acknowledged as said Representative.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following Report (*See Appendix*), which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was received and the resolutions attached thereto adopted.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and members of the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS:

Your Committee on By-Laws having carefully examined the By-Laws referred to them, respectfully offer the following resolution for your consideration, to wit:

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapters, Nos. 206 and 224 be amended, by striking out of Art. II., the words, "The meetings in the months of July and August, may be dispensed with by a vote of the Chapter"; by striking out the fifth paragraph of Sec. 2, of Art. IV. and inserting in its place the following: "He shall furnish every member (on his admission) with a printed copy of the By-Laws"; by inserting in Sec. 2 of Art. VI., after the word "membership" the words "who has been rejected"; by striking out of Art. IX the words "and at the same time pay all indebtedness to the Chapter up to that time, or have the same remitted, on such payment or remission"; by striking out of Art. X. the words "or who may withdraw," also the words "There shall be no charge for a dimit"; and as thus amended said By-Laws be approved.

All of these errors arise from the cause reported at the last Communication of the Grand Chapter by this Committee.

Fraternally Submitted,

J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,

Chairman.

Phila., Dec. 27th 1883.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then presented the following report which was listened to with marked attention by the Companions:

COMPANIONS :

In entering upon a new year it is becoming and proper that we should acknowledge with humility and gratitude the goodness of a Divine Providence that permits us once more to assemble at our Annual Communication, and that we have to mourn the loss of but one member of this Grand Chapter since its last annual Communication.

Past Grand High Priest Comp. Edward P. Lescure, born November 18th, 1797, passed away at the ripe age of 86 years, April 6th, 1883. Yet he is not dead; he still lives; he has but passed from mortality into immortality, and entered into the rest of the good and true.

What need for us to speak of his merits, are they not recorded in that book in which we all shall have our names and records written? Let us, therefore, profit by his bright example so that when we are summoned our own record shall be without a spot or blemish.

It gives me much pleasure to congratulate you upon the prosperous condition of this Grand Chapter and its Subordinates.

The able report of the Committee on Finance shows a healthy condition of the Finances of the Grand Chapter and that its income is amply sufficient to meet all expenses, leaving a satisfactory surplus to meet any contingency.

By the report of the M. E. Grand Secretary we learn that we have 107 Chapters and 10,419 Royal Arch Masons under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter; a very gratifying condition of the numerical strength of the Craft.

On February 7th, 1883, it was our pleasure to be present at the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons. We were accompanied by a number of the Grand Officers and Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter. There was a large attendance of the Companions, including many distinguished visitors from this and foreign Jurisdictions. After the beautiful opening ceremonies, Past Grand High Priest, Charles E. Meyer, M. E. Grand Secretary of the Grand

Chapter of Pennsylvania, delivered an exceedingly interesting and instructive history of the Chapter, showing that Jerusalem Chapter is the oldest in America, having been formed in the year 1758. The address abounds in Masonic History and reflects great credit upon its author, Companion Meyer.

The question of Jurisdiction as between Chapters is one of much annoyance and misunderstanding. Chapters erroneously construe the law as applying to fees, whereas it is an act of courtesy, and for the purpose of ascertaining if there be any Masonic objections.

It has been the custom with some Chapters to grant permission to other Chapters to receive and act upon petitions from applicants residing nearer the first-named Chapter, provided that the fees were paid to the said Chapter granting permission. This is wrong, and cannot be permitted.

A Chapter to which an application has been made by another Chapter in this Jurisdiction to grant permission to receive and act upon a petition of a Brother residing nearest the first named Chapter, cannot make any but a Masonic objection, and the vote on granting permission must be taken *viva voce*, and a majority shall decide. (See Sec. 112 Constitution of the Grand Chapter.)

The Grand Chapter is the supreme authority over Capitular Masonry. It alone is responsible for the Ritual as adopted and promulgated, and to it the Officers of Chapters should look for instruction.

The High Priests should have frequent rehearsals of the work by Officers of the Chapter, and it will at all times be a pleasure to the Grand Officers to impart any information in their power.

It will be opportune at this time to call the attention of the District Deputy Grand High Priests and Companions to the following:

That the Constitution of the Grand Chapter requires that the representative shall be elected every year.

That a High Priest cannot become a permanent member of the Grand Chapter unless he has served as High Priest in this Jurisdiction one full year.

That the election of officers in a subordinate Chapter must be conducted in the same manner as in the Grand Chapter; that is, all voted for at one and the same time.

That the District Deputy Grand High Priests must attend the meetings of the Grand Chapter, at least, twice a year.

June 7th, 1883, I appointed a committee of fifteen to co-operate with committees from other Masonic bodies to inquire into the expediency and advisability of establishing a Masonic Home. This measure has now assumed such definite shape that whilst much remains to be done it is to be hoped that its success is fully assured. Indeed, a question of such vital importance to the Craft, and one that will produce so much good, should receive our cordial and hearty endorsement.

When inducted into the office of Most Excellent Grand High Priest it was my intention to have made visitations to those Chapters located in remote parts of this jurisdiction; but through unforeseen circumstances, beyond my control, I have been compelled to confine those visitations to Chapters easier of access, trusting that I may be able to carry out my original intention during the year 1884.

January 15, 1883, made a grand visitation to Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3. Grand Secretary made a report on the minutes, after which I delivered an address, giving advice and instruction. The degree of a M. M. M. was conferred by the officers of the Chapter. There was a large attendance of the Companions, who manifested much interest in the ceremonies of the evening. The Chapter is in a flourishing condition both as regards membership and finances.

January 17th, 1883, made a grand visitation to Siloam Chapter, No. 226, at Frankford. M. E. Grand Secretary made a report on the minutes. Delivered an address, after which the degree of a M. M. M. was exemplified by the Grand Officers. There was a large attendance of the Companions, and much interest manifested. This Chapter was constituted in 1872. It has passed through many vicissitudes, but is now in good condition, having an invested fund and an active and satisfactory membership.

November 28th, 1883, made a grand visitation to Chapter No. 43, at Lancaster, Pa. The M. E. Grand Secretary made a report on the Minutes, after which the Degrée of Royal Arch Mason was exemplified by the Grand Officers, the meeting was characterized by a remarkably large attendance of the Companions, (there being some 250,) also by the close attention paid to the work, showing great interest on the part of the Companions of Chapter No. 43.

In addition to these grand visitations, informal visitations were made to Chapters No. 223 at Oxford, No. 231 at Bristol, No. 202 at West Chester, No. 248 at Philadelphia, No. 258 at Chester, No. 262 at Ardmore, No. 237 at Reading, No. 250, Philadelphia, No. 190, Norristown, No. 232, Philadelphia, No. 175, Philadelphia, No. 91, Philadelphia, No. 52, Philadelphia, No. 169, Philadelphia, No. 251, Philadelphia, and No. 243, Philadelphia. With but few exceptions these visitations were very gratifying, there being a large attendance of the Companions and much interest manifested in the recital of the various degrees conferred or exemplified. The work in all cases has been in strict conformity with the ritual of the Grand Chapter.

Without intending to make any invidious distinction and sincerely desiring that what I may say will stimulate the Companions to duty, I would report as follows :

Tristram B. Freeman Chapter, No. 243, which formerly met in Kensington Masonic Hall, having recently changed its place of meeting to the Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert, has been remarkably successful in the attendance of its members and the increase of its membership

At the visitation to Harmony Chapter, No. 52, April 6th, 1883, the death of Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Edward P. Lescure was announced. It was received with many expressions of sorrow by the Companions present. May the gloom caused by the event be relieved by the remembrance of his long and honorable career of usefulness and uprightness of character. In all the visitations I have been accompanied by the Grand

Officers, and I desire to thank them for their cordial and hearty support, and the prompt response they have made to the requests of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

The reception given to the Grand Officers by the Companions was very gratifying, and shows the close sympathy existing between the Grand Chapter and its subordinates, and the great good accomplished by the frequent intercourse between the Officers of the Grand Chapter and the officers and members of the Chapters. The advice and instructions given by the Grand Officers was listened to with the closest attention by the Companions, thereby manifesting a strong desire to become thoroughly acquainted with the beautiful Capitular degrees.

Naught has occurred to disturb the harmony and peace of this Grand Chapter.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

January 5th, 1883.—To Chapter No. 159, at Minersville, Pa., to hold an election for officers.

January 26th, 1883.—To Chapter No. 212, at Greenville, Pa., to hold an election of Officers.

March 5th, 1883.—To Chapter No. 248, Philadelphia, to hold an election for Secretary, their Secretary having removed from the Jurisdiction.

March 30th, 1883.—To Chapter No. 200, to hold an election for Scribe and Secretary. The Scribe and Secretary elect, declining to serve.

PERMISSION GRANTED.

March 5th, 1883.—To Grand High Priest, Chovey, of New Jersey to receive and act upon petition of a resident of this Jurisdiction, who had applied to Three Times Three Chapter of that Jurisdiction.

March 12th, 1883.—To Grand High Priest, Pollard, of New York, for Olean Chapter, of that Jurisdiction, to receive and act upon petitions of two residents of Pennsylvania.

December 10th, 1883.—To Grand High Priest, Wark, of New Jersey, for Boudinot Chapter, No. 3, of that Jurisdiction, to receive and act upon a petition of a resident of Pennsylvania.

WARRANTS GRANTED.

March 8th, 1883.—For a new Chapter at Shamokin, Pa., to be called Shamokin Chapter, 264.

The Chapter was constituted by the M. E. G. Scribe, Matthias H. Henderson, assisted by the Grand Officers, June 11th, 1883.

There was a large attendance of the Companions from the surrounding districts, and much interest manifested in the ceremonies. The Chapter bids fair to be strong and prosperous.

September 6th, 1883.—For a new Chapter at Westfield, Tioga County, Pa.

The Chapter was constituted December 18th, 1883, by the M. E. Grand Secretary, Charles E. Meyer, assisted by the Grand Officers.

May 15th, 1883.—Directed Norman Chapter, No. 244, at Sharon, to return to Oriental Chapter, No. 187, at Conneautville, Pa., such fees as they had received from Chapter No. 187 as a consideration for waiving Jurisdiction.

December 3d, 1883.—Girard Chapter, No. 213, located at Girard, Pennsylvania, surrendered its warrant.

December 25th, 1883.—Appointed Companion Sylvanus Cobb, Jr., representative of the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, near the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

December 25th, 1883.—Appointed Companion J. L. H. Long representative of the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, near the Grand Chapter of Ohio.

At the Quarterly Communication, December 6th, 1883, I installed and conferred the order of High Priesthood on Companion Edward J. James, High Priest elect of St. John Chapter No. 232 of Philadelphia. The Constitution requiring that the order of High Priesthood shall be conferred at the time of installation, I thought this a fitting occasion to exemplify the ceremonies for the instruction of the Companions.

DECISIONS.

A candidate cannot apply to two Chapters at one and the same time.

That the High Priest of a Chapter cannot be installed into office in any other Chapter than his own except by the authority of the Grand High Priest.

That a Chapter cannot be opened on the stated night of meeting prior to the hour fixed by the By-laws.

That a member can object to the conferring of the degrees on an approved candidate in his Chapter without stating his reasons for so objecting, provided such objection is made before receiving any of the Degrees for which he has applied in the Chapter.

That Chapters cannot receive petitions for the Mark Degree only.

My Companions I thank you for the cordial support I have received in the performance of the duties of the Office of M. E. G. High Priest and invoke its continuance in the future.

In forming resolutions for the future let us profit by the lessons of the past, let us be guided solely by that which is commendable, having charity for all and so purifying our minds that each step shall be one of advancement bringing us nearer to that Haven of Rest, that peaceful abode of the blest.

So much of the Minutes of the last Quarlerly Communication af December 6th, 1883, referring to the election of Grand Officers was read.

Past Grand High Priest Hibbert P. John was called to the station of M. E. Grand High Priest.

All but Past High Priests who had received the order of High Priesthood having retired.

Comp. Augustus R, Hall was installed as M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch

Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging. He was duly proclaimed as such and received the salutations of the Craft.

The Companions who had retired were re-admitted when the following Grand Officers were duly installed and were each duly proclaimed and received the salutations of the Craft.

Comp. GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., . *M. E. Grand King.*
 “ MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
 “ THOMAS R. PATTON, . . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
 “ CHARLES E. MEYER, . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

The M. E. Grand High Priest was then pleased to announce the following appointments for the ensuing Masonic year.

Grand Captain of the Host:

Comp. HENRY R. COULOMB.

Grand Principal Sojourner:

Comp. JOHN KELLER, JR.

Grand Royal Arch Captain:

Comp. JAMES S. BARBER.

Grand Chaplains:

Comp. Rev. THOMAS J. DAVIS, D. D.
 “ “ WM. B. WOOD, D. D.
 “ “ HENRY S. GETZ, D. D.
 “ “ WM. H. PLATT.

Grand Master of Third Veil:

Comp. CHARLES W. NOLEN.

Grand Master of Second Veil:

Comp. ARTHUR H. WOODWARD.

Grand Master of First Veil:

Comp. JOHN H. DYE.

Grand Marshall:

Comp. EDWARD MASSON.

S. G. Master of Ceremonies:

MICHAEL W. REINOEHL.

J. G. Master of Ceremonies:

ELIAS W. HALE, M. D.

Grand Pursuivant:

Comp. EDGAR FRIES.

Grand Tyler:

Comp. WM. A. SINN.

Committee on Work:

Comp. GEORGE W. WOOD, P. G. H. P.,

“ MICHAEL NISBET, P. G. H. P.

“ CHARLES E. MEYER, P. G. H. P.

“ JOHN THOMSON,

In conjunction with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Committee on Finance:

Comp. WM. J. KELLY,

“ M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,

“ CHARLES W. PACKER,

“ JAMES P. MALSEED,

“ SAMUEL W. WRAY.

Committee on Correspondence :

- Comp. ANDREW ZANE, JR.,
 “ SAMUEL HARPER,
 “ GEORGE E. WAGNER, P. G. H. P.,
 “ E. COPPÉE MITCHELL,
 “ ALEXANDER H. MORGAN,

Committee on By-Laws :

- Comp. J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
 “ WILLIAM A. MORTON,
 “ SAMUEL McCAMBRIDGE,
 “ JOHN W. LEE,
 “ JOHN L. YOUNG.

Committee on Appeals :

- Comp. SAMUEL C. PERKINS, P. G. H. P.
 “ ANDREW ROBENO, P. G. H. P.
 “ DANIEL THOMPSON, P. G. H. P.
 “ HIBBERT P. JOHN, P. G. H. P.
 “ LOUIS WAGNER.

Committee on Charity :

- Comp. EDWARD STRICKLAND,
 “ B. FRANK ABBETT,
 “ DAVID S. CRAVEN,
 “ PETER E. WEISER,
 “ CHARLES E. PIKE.

Committee on Printing and Publishing :

- Comp. DENNIS F. DEALY,
 “ ALEXANDER M. LLOYD,
 “ CHARLES CARY,
 “ ARTHUR THACHER,
 “ CHARLES H. KINGSTON,

The several Chapters will be under the personal supervision of the following Grand Officers :

M. E. Grand High Priest, for Chapters Nos. 3, 91, 169, 175, 183, 232, 233, 240, 243, 248, 250, 231 of Philadelphia, and Mark Lodges Nos. 214 and 216 of Philadelphia.

M. E. Grand King, for Chapters Nos. 52 of Philadelphia, 202 of West Chester, 208 of Germantown, 226 of Frankford, 234 of Media, 256 of Fernwood, 258 of Chester, and Mark Lodge No. 91 of Philadelphia.

M. E. Grand Scribe, for Chapters No. 212 of Greenville, 244 of Sharon, 167 of Rochester, 170 of New Castle, 191 of Meadville, and 206 of Beaver Falls.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

- 1.—Companion SAMUEL HARPER, of Pittsburgh, for Chapters Nos. 162 of Pittsburgh, 193 of Pittsburgh, 217 of Allegheny City, 247 of Kittanning, and 257 of Pittsburgh.
- 2.—Companion ANDREW J. KAUFFMAN, of Columbia, for Chapters Nos. 43 of Lancaster, 224 of Columbia, 199 of York, and 223 of Oxford.
- 3.—Companion JOHN I. BEGGS, of Harrisburg, for Chapters Nos. 21 of Harrisburg, 171 of Carlisle, 176 of Chambersburg, and 209 of Mechanicsburg.
- 4.—Companion THADDEUS S. ADLE, of Norristown, for Chapters Nos. 190 of Norristown, 198 of Phoenixville, 220 of Fort Washington, 229 of Newtown, 231 of Bristol, 245 of Jenkintown, and 262 of Ardmore.
- 5.—Companion JESSE ORR, of Reading, for Chapters Nos. 152 of Reading, 197 of Lebanon, and 237 of Reading.

- 6.—Companion DAVID H. SEIBERT, of Pottsville, for Chapters Nos, 159 of Minersville, 177 of Tamaqua, 196 of Pottsville, 219 of Ashland, 221 of Tremont, and 252 of Mahanoy City.
- 7.—Companiou THOMAS S. McNAIR, of Hazleton, for Chapters Nos. 173 of Easton, 181 of Mauch Chunk, 203 of Allentown, and 216 of Bethlehem.
- 8.—Companion SAMUEL L. FRENCH, of Plymouth, for Chapters Nos. 179 of Carbondale, 182 of Wilkesbarre, 185 of Scranton, 214 of Plymouth, and 242 of Pittston.
- 9.—Companion JAMES H. CODDING, of Towanda, for Chapters Nos. 161 of Towanda, 172 of Tunkhannock, 180 of Montrose, 205 of Factoryville, 210 of Great Bend, and 261 of Troy.
- 10.—Cympanion JOSEPH H. SIMONDS, of Bradford, for Chapters Nos. 227 of Emporium, 230 of Ridgway, 254 of Port Allegheny, 260 of Bradford, 263 of Coudersport, and 265 of Westfield.
- 11.—Companion WILLIAM G. KRAMER, of Danville, for Chapters Nos. 163 of Lock Haven, 174 of Sunbury, 178 of Catawissa, 218 of Bloomsburg, 222 of Williamsport, 239 of Danville, 246 of Watsontown, and 264 of Shamokin.
- 12.—Companion JOHN H. DIBERT, of Johnstown, for Chapters Nos. 166 of Hollidaysburg, 189 of Altoona, 192 of Greensburg, and 195 of Johnstown.
- 13.—Companion WM. H. DILL, of Clearfield, for Chapters Nos. 186 of Lewistown, 201 of Huntingdon, 228 of Clearfield, 238 of Newport, 241 of Bellefonte, and 255 of Bedford.

- 14.—Companion PHILLIP M. HOCHHEIMER, of Uniontown, for Chapters Nos. 150 of Washington, 164 of Brownsville, 165 of Uniontown, and 249 of Monongahela City.
- 15.—Companion ANDREW W. COX, of Oil City, for Chapters Nos. 207 of Titusville, 211 of Franklin, 225 of Brookville, 235 of Warren, 236 of Oil City, and 259 of Edenburg.
- 16.—Companion JOHN J. WADSWORTH, of Erie, for Chapters Nos. 187 of Conneautville, 200 of Corry, 215 of Erie, and 253 of North-East

The M. E. Grand Secretary, with approval of Grand Chapter, appointed Comp. J. Alexander Simpson Assistant Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter was “called off.”

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to exemplify the Royal Arch Degree to the satisfaction of the Companions.

The Grand Chapter was “called on.”

Grand Chapter closed in peace at 9.20 o'clock, P.M.

CHARLES E. MEYER,

Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee on Correspondence offer their Annual Report. They have reviewed the following Grand Jurisdictions, viz :

Alabama.	Massachusetts.
Arkansas.	Michigan.
California.	Minnesota.
Canada.	Mississippi.
Colorado.	Missouri.
Connecticut.	Nebraska.
Delaware.	New Hampshire, 1882-3.
District of Columbia.	New York.
England and Wales.	Nevada, 1882-3.
Georgia.	North Carolina.
Illinois.	Oregon.
Indiana.	Quebec.
Kansas.	South Carolina.
Kentucky.	Tennessee.
Louisiana.	Texas.
Maryland.	Virginia.
	West Virginia.

ALABAMA.

This Grand Royal Chapter held its fifty-sixth Annual Grand Convocation, at the New Masonic Temple, in the City of Montgomery, on Tuesday, December 5th, 1882. Most of the Grand Officers were present, four Past Grand Officers, the Representatives of ten Grand Chapters, and the High Priests, Kings and Scribes of twenty-four Subordinate Chapters.

The M. E. G. H. Priest delivered his Annual Address, we quote therefrom:

“In meeting in this Grand annual Convocation we have cause for congratulation and gratitude, in that a most merciful Providence has vouchsafed us the inestimable blessings of good health and unprecedented prosperity. Particularly happy does our lot appear, when contrasted with that of some of our sister Jurisdictions, whence arose from pallid lips of suffering, cries for aid that reach the most distant lands, and melted to sympathy the hardest hearts. While we sympathize with our brethern in their great affliction, it is very meet and very right, that we should return thanks to God, who stayed the dread scourge at our border, and said to ‘the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the destruction that wasteth at noon-day,’ *thus far shall thou come and no further.*”

“During the past year this Jurisdiction has not been entirely exempt from affliction; for since our last Convocation, the cold hand of Death has been laid upon some of our esteemed and useful Companions, who were wont to assemble with us around this sacred altar. Among whom was Companinn John A. Padgett, who was Representative of the Grand Chapter of Quebec near this Grand Chapter. He faithfully and acceptably discharged all his duties here, as he also did all those of a noble life, full of promise. Both this Grand Chapter and the State of Alabama have sustained a severe loss in the death of so worthy a Companion and able Statesman. * * * *

"It gives me very great pleasure to report that peace and harmony subsist in the Craft throughout our Jurisdiction. As far as my observation goes, our members exemplify by their daily walk the principles taught us in the work and lectures.

"Our annual proceedings show fewer applications for admission into our Chapters now than in former years. That is not to be regretted, since nothing could be more detrimental to the true interests of the Order than *popularity*, in its general sense. It is far preferable to have a chosen few who are faithful to the principles and virtues set forth in our Ritual, than to parade long roles containing names that bring discredit upon the membership, or disorder into the Craft. We cannot be too circumspect. Although good material be, perchance, rejected, let us see to it, that no *bad* be received. Let us guard our beloved Order with jealous vigilance, and labor for it with unabating zeal; feeling that its usefulness is proportionate to its prosperity, and that upon ourselves that prosperity depends; and when, in the last Great Day, our works are brought forth for inspection, they will commend us to the blessed approbation of our Most Excellent Great Grand High Priest above."

The following were elected Grand Officers :

Lucky Walker Jenkins, Camden, Grand High Priest.
 William Story Foster, Mobile, Deputy G. H. Priest.
 William Wallace Screws, Montgomery, Grand King.
 William Wallace McCollum, Selma, Grand Scribe.
 William Henry Dingley, Montgomery, Grand Treasurer.
 Daniel Sayre, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.
 Rev. Leroy Riley Simms, Abbeville, Grand Chaplain.
 John Gideon Harris, Livingston, Grand C. of H.

All of whom were duly installed.

The report on correspondence is from the pen of Comp. P. J. Pillans, he reviews 37 Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being among the number fraternally mentioned.

The Grand Treasurers's report shows the financial condition to be good.

ARKANSAS.

The Grand Chapter of the State of Arkansas assembled in its thirty-third Annual Convocation at Masonic Temple, in the City of Little Rock, November 24th, 1882, but three Grand Officers being present, viz: Grand King, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. The R. E. Grand King, George L. Kimball opened the Grand Chapter in ample form as Grand High Priest. A number of Past Grand Officers and the Representatives of eighteen Subordinate Chapters being present.

Considerable business of local importance was transacted. The Grand High Priest, Comp. Caleb H. Stone, having arrived on the following day, proceeded to deliver his annual Address.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

- M. E. John J. Sumpter Grand High Priest.
- R. E. George L. Kimball, Deputy Grand High Priest.
- R. E. Logan H. Roots, Grand King.
- R. E. W. W. Garland, Grand Scribe.
- R. E. George H. Meade, Grand Treasurer.
- R. E. James A. Henry, Grand Secretary.
- E. I. O. Adams, Grand Chaplain.
- E. H. F. Best, Grand Marshal.

No report on Correspondence.

CALIFORNIA.

The twenty-ninth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, on Tuesday, the tenth day of April, A. D. 1883. Upon calling the roll all the Grand Officers were present, together with twelve Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King and the Representatives of forty-eight chartered Chapters, and a number of others entitled to seats.

The G. H. Priest, William Monroe Petrie, delivered his address, we quote as follows :

“It is now one year since, by your kindness, I was placed in this chair, and the time has arrived for me to resign into your hands the gavel, and report to you the manner in which I have wielded it. It has been a year of remarkable growth among the different Chapters, and the Royal Art has been unusually prosperous within this jurisdiction. The increase in our numbers has been something phenomenal, while the material furnished has been of the very highest order. This is no doubt due, in part, to the desire of many to attain the orders of knighthood prior to the meeting of the Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar. Aside from this consideration, however, the Royal Craft has advanced rapidly, all are working in harmony, and perfect loyalty to the Grand Chapter exists throughout the State. In all this we recognize the care and guidance of God, the Great Ruler of Life, without whose protecting care our efforts would have produced results poor indeed.

“It is not to Capitular Masonry alone that the revolving year has brought happiness, peace and prosperity. Our beloved State has been richly blessed during the past year, and the outlook for the future could hardly be more encouraging. Yet, amid all this prosperity and promise, the dread messenger who, sooner or later, must summon us all to an account for “the deeds done in the body,” has not passed us by unheeded. We are called to mourn the loss of two of our most revered members, each of whom had been selected to receive the highest honors in the gift of their companions.”

He announced, in feeling terms, the death of P. G. H. Priest William Wilson Traylor. He reports Capitular Masonry in a most flourishing condition, a large amount of work having been done during the year.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows the finances to be in excellent condition; assets, after all debts paid, over sixteen thousand dollars,

Comp. Thos. H. Casswell, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presented the report of that Committee, he reviews thirty-six Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania for some reason being omitted.

CANADA.

The twenty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, was held in Masonic Hall, Ottawa, on the 13th day of July, 1883. The Grand Officers being present, a considerable number of Past Grand Officers, and Representatives from twenty-five Grand Jurisdictions. A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, forty out of seventy-eight.

The M. E. the Grand Z., Donald Ross, delivered his Annual Address, he said:

“It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to this our Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation at the capital of our Dominion, to meet around our sacred altar and return thanks to the Great Jehovah for the many blessings we have enjoyed.

“As I have looked around year by year at our annual convocations, and observed the number of new faces that each time meet my eye, and how freely they have given their time and talent to bring this Grand Chapter to its present position, I rejoice to know that when we who have borne the burden and heat of the day are ready to depart, there are so many worthy Companions willing and able to take our places in the Chapter.

“It gives me much pleasure to report that during the year there has been an uninterrupted continuance of peace and harmony in the working of our subordinate Chapters.

“To my knowledge no discord or confusion of any kind has occurred, but fraternal good-fellowship and charity exercised their beneficent sway everywhere in our broad and extending domain.”

Dispensation was granted to Companions at Rat Portage, North-West Territory, to establish a Chapter to be called “Golden Royal Arch Chapter.”

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows the finances to be in a most excellent condition.

The following Companions were declared duly elected Grand Officers :

R. E. Comp.	Henry Macpherson,	Owen Sound,	Grand Z.
"	"	Thomas Sargant,	Toronto, Grand H.
"	"	Robert Hendry, Jr.,	Kingston, Grand J.
"	"	David McLellan,	Hamilton, Grand S. E.

The Report on Correspondence was made by Henry Robertson, the Chairman of the Committee. Our Companion has been in the reportorial harness for many years, the report for 1883 being his sixteenth annual. We quote his opening:

"The Report of the Committee on the Correspondence with sister Grand Chapters is herewith submitted. The present is the sixteenth annual report prepared by the present committee. Your Committee are glad to be able to announce the continuance of peace and prosperity in almost every Jurisdiction. There is no sound of discord, the peaceful work of the Royal Craft is being faithfully carried on, and our relations with other Grand Chapters continue to be of the most fraternal character.

"Numerous questions are discussed in the proceedings which we have received and these will be noticed as we proceed. Differences in practice will be pointed out, improvements may be suggested, and whatever may be thought worthy of note will be mentioned.

"To all our Companions who desire to be thoroughly informed on the state of the Craft in other places, these reports have become a necessity. We are not aware how extensively they are read, but we believe that if they were to be discontinued they would be much missed by all true 'seekers after light.' The meetings of Subordinate Chapters could be made both interesting and instructive by reading some portion of the current report at each meeting, when time would permit, and encouraging the Companions to offer their own views on what would be thus submitted. The extracts which are given are the well-considered utterances of the representative men of

each Jurisdiction, men who have given great attention to these subjects, and whose opinion is in general entitled to great weight. Most of the reporters have held high offices in the Craft, many of them are Past Grand Masters and Past Grand High Priests, some are Grand Secretaries, and all are thorough devotees of our noble Order. They take a pride in their work, they are instrumental in reconciling differences of opinion and practice and in moulding improved legislation, and they devote their experience and talent to the correction of errors, the cultivation of the truest fraternal relations, and the general welfare and elevation of the Institution."

He reviews the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being among the number.

COLORADO.

The eighth Annual Convocation of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter was held at Masonic Hall, Denver, September 21st, 1882. Most of the Grand Officers present, four Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King, two Past Grand Scribes, and fourteen Grand Representatives and Representatives from all the chartered Chapters. The Grand Chapter being opened in ample form, the Grand High Priest, Roger W. Woodbury, delivered his Annual Address. We quote as follows:

"I greet you all on this return of our annual gathering. We have been bound together for eight years by the mystic ties of companionship, and we have now met to weave into the fabric the fibres prepared by the Craft since our last Annual. The history of this grand body renders it quite unnecessary that I should advise you to-day upon the exercise of wisdom and moderation in your legislation. Your love for the Order and its principles will be your faithful guide.

"We have to congratulate ourselves that the Order is doing well in this state, but whether it be due to good management or to the flourishing condition and increase of the people is for you to determine in your own hearts. I sincerely hope it is

not all due to the latter cause; but that the officers of the several Chapters have exercised the talents which God has given them, to leave the trusts confided to their care in better condition than when they assumed them. If this is not the case, then they can claim no credit, for although perfection can be reached by none, the road to it is a highway free to all. It is beautified with the records of those who have led their commands toward the goal; and if yours are found there, my Companions, you have planted your banners where they will serve as noble guides to those who come after you. If they are not, you may be obliged to admit that having received and enjoyed the highest honors in your Chapter, yet its declining stage was inaugurated by you; and to some Companion in the future will be assigned the task of redemption. I trust there are none whose hearts accuse them of neglect, and I may say that I believe, as well as trust, so. And I trust, too, that the universal rule in our beloved state may be that each High Priest of a Chapter shall leave it better than he found it. There are unmistakable indices of character that will enable you to decide if a Companion is or is not likely to do this, and in case of doubt you should award the Chapter the benefit of the doubt. Experiments are costly. Success depends upon your wisdom in selecting presiding officers of your Chapters. The position is of far more responsibility than that of Grand High Priest. Good High Priests govern their Chapters so correctly and so wisely, that the Grand High Priest has little to do except enjoy the honors of his station.

“This is true to a greater extent in Colorado than in most jurisdictions, for this reason: The constitution and by-laws of this Grand Chapter confer upon the Grand High Priest authority to do the following-named acts: To grant letters of dispensation for the opening of new Chapters; to preside at meetings of the Grand Chapter; to take charge of the property of defunct Chapters; to appoint standing committees; and to report his official acts. These are all the powers I find delegated to the Grand High Priest of this Jurisdiction. All others remain vested in the Grand Chapter. Upon the prerogatives of the Grand High Priest I quote the following from our lamented Companion, Dr. Mackey:

“‘As the office has been constitutionally created by the Grand Chapter, and did not precede it, as that of Grand Master did the Grand Lodges, he possesses no inherent prerogatives, but only those which are derived from and delegated

to him by the constitution of the Grand Chapter, and regulations formed under it for the government of Royal Arch Masonry.'

"During the year I have endeavored to be governed by these facts; I have declined to grant dispensations to ballot out of the regular time. I have declined the performance of acts not delegated to the Grand High Priest, except certain requests relating to the installation of officers, and in one case I made an appointment of a Grand Representative before noting the fact that there was no authority but custom for it. I am of the opinion that it was never intended to restrict the Grand High Priest to the performance of the duties heretofore enumerated, because it is assumed by many that this officer has powers corresponding to those of the Grand Master. Hence it might not have been thought necessary to specify in detail what he might do. The contrary, however, is the fact, and it was therefore my duty to take the law as I found it, and call your attention to the situation. Then if you desire the Grand High Priest to exercise any functions now vested in the Grand Chapter alone, you should say so plainly. It may sometime be necessary for him to call special convocations of the Grand or subordinate Chapters; or to suspend officers from their functions; to suspend charters, and do various other matters for the welfare of the Craft, but he has no such authority now.

"Masonry teaches order and obedience to law, and the highest officer of the Jurisdiction cannot set an example of breaking it. It has been urged that the Grand Chapter would acquiesce in whatever the Grand High Priest might think it advisable to do, which may be true; but if the Grand High Priest assumes one power he may another, and there is no limit to which he may proceed. The subject is submitted for your consideration."

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a good balance on hand.

The membership of Chartered Chapters shows 642.

The Report on Correspondence is from Edward H. Collins, Chairman of Committee. He reviews thirty-six Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being among the number fraternally mentioned. In the conclusion of his report he adds, in three articles, his

views on "the Cryptic Degrees," "Striking from Rolls for Non-payment of Dues," and "Status of Unaffiliated Masons," which we quote for the information of the craft:

"This review of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry would be incomplete without some reference to certain matters which have considerably agitated the fraternity during the past year.

THE CRYPTIC DEGREES.

"The question of the merging of these degrees with Capitular Masonry has been extensively discussed in nearly all the Jurisdictions; and sometimes with a warmth of feeling which could be well spared. The situation is a peculiar one. The General Grand Council is now a fixed fact, and in some states, twenty-four in number we believe, Grand Councils exist subordinate to that body, while it regards as unoccupied territory all those states where such Grand Councils do not exist. The action or want of action, whichever it may be termed, of the General Grand Chapter on this subject has also been variously understood, some Jurisdictions considering that it leaves them at liberty to act as they please in regard to the Cryptic Degrees, while other Jurisdictions understand it as tantamount to saying that they should have nothing to do with them. The difficulty in the matter on the one hand is that so long as the General Grand Council with its subordinate Grand Councils exists, all who take these degrees in Councils appendent to Chapters and outside of the regular Grand Council Jurisdiction, will be regarded by many as irregularly and clandestinely made. On the other hand, in many places it will be impossible to maintain any satisfactory amount of interest in this branch of Masonry, if conducted in separate bodies so that it may be difficult if not out of the question to preserve separate Councils in anything like healthy existence. The idea of the merger sprang from a strong sense of this latter difficulty, and a belief that the Councils would live and flourish if united in the Chapters, which they could not do standing alone. It is not for us to discuss the reasons why indifference to those degrees prevails. We desire to look at the matter from the standpoint of Royal Arch Masons exclusively, and simply present a statement of the situation. The subject has given rise to great difference of opinion. Some Grand Chapters which had

assumed jurisdiction of the Cryptic degrees have surrendered them back to the Grand Councils, in others the matter is still under advisement, but the opinion seems most widely to prevail that irrespective of the question of abstract authority it is unwise to go on conferring degrees which will not entitle their possessors to travel and receive the wages of fellowship and universal brotherhood.

STRIKING FROM ROLLS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

“ Nearly every report on correspondence which we have had occasion to examine, has had a good deal to say on this subject. It seems a great bone of contention among the reporters. As to how it may be done, three different views prevail. Some contend that it being in the nature of a punishment for a masonic offence, it can only be inflicted after regular summons and due trial, and these writers generally fortify their position by maintaining that the effect of such striking from the roll is to put the brother or companion in bad standing, and therefore to deprive him of every masonic privilege whatever. Others assert that it is a sufficient compliance with the principle that requires a brother should have opportunity to be heard before he is condemned, if he is notified of his delinquency and informed that unless he pays by a given time or shows an excuse for non-payment he will be stricken from the rolls. These argue that the substantial rights of the brother are fully preserved by this course, and that to go through the formalities of a regular trial in each case upon charges prepared, would entail a great and needless waste of time and trouble upon the lodge or chapter. The third class of reporters (and the practice in some jurisdictions) goes still further and claims that the fact of delinquency must be known to the brother—and as it is shown by the lodge or chapter records, there is a *prima facie* case against him within the cognizance of the masonic body of which he is a member, and that it is his duty, of his own motion and without notification, to come up and pay or ask to be excused, and if he fails to do this he can be stricken from the rolls without further ceremony. This doctrine is usually, if not always, based on a by-law of the particular masonic body, authorizing, or perhaps requiring that all who are delinquent for a certain number of years shall be thus stricken off, and the advocates of this theory say that

the brother, by assenting to that by-law, has given jurisdiction to the masonic body to proceed against him in that way. The contest among these various principles is carried on hotly all along the lines, and it is perhaps the *questio vexatissima* in the fraternity to-day.

"Closely connected with this matter is the question of the effect on the brother's masonic standing of such striking from the rolls. On the one hand it is contended that non-payment of dues, where the party is able to pay them, is in the fullest sense a masonic offence, and that this striking from the rolls is to all intents and purposes a suspension, which carries with it all the usual effects of a suspension in any case; indeed in many jurisdictions it is called suspension, pure and simple. Others argue that in many cases such delinquency may have proceeded from mere inadvertance, perhaps negligence and sometimes from real inability to pay, but coupled with a sense of shame in the brother as to letting his real position be known, and although this may be called a false modesty by some, yet nevertheless it is a genuine sentiment which affects sensitive persons, and especially those who have formerly been in good financial situation, very strongly, and that it is absurd to place such delinquency on the same footing and visit it with the same penalty, as immoral conduct or other recognized masonic offence which implies moral turpitude. These writers urge that a striking from the rolls for non-payment of dues should only involve deprivation of lodge or chapter membership, and leave the brother in the simple status of an unaffiliated mason, but without other stain upon his masonic character. But this at once opens up another question.

STATUS OF UNAFFILIATED MASONS.

"It seems to be conceded that in early times there was no absolute duty resting on a mason to be a member of some particular lodge; and in those days, also, there were no dues exacted from the members. Perhaps the expenses of masonic bodies were not as heavy then as those which we now incur. But in more modern times dues have been found a necessity, and more recently the doctrine has sprung up that a mason, to preserve his standing, must imperatively be an actual member of some lodge, or if a R. A. Mason, of both lodge and chapter; and if he becomes unaffiliated, he at once becomes in bad

standing, and is thereby deprived of all the rights and benefits of masonry, and shut out from the privilege of masonic intercourse. This doctrine seems to be gaining ground in the fraternity. In many jurisdictions—perhaps most of them—chapters may not confer their degrees on any unaffiliated Master Mason, and some go so far as to hold, that if a R. A. Mason, for any cause whatever, loses his affiliation as a Master Mason in his lodge, that *ipso facto* deprives him of his affiliation in the chapter, and takes from him all right of fellowship with his companions. We have not space at our disposal to give all the arguments by which all these conflicting positions are supported or attacked. We content ourselves with briefly stating the questions upon which there is such a wide divergence of opinion. It seems at present as if it were impossible for the fraternity in the United States to come to an agreement upon them, and thus it often happens that a mason may be held in good standing in one jurisdiction while he will not be in another. But on this point it seems conceded that his masonic *status* ought to be determined everywhere by the rule adopted in the jurisdiction from which he hails. And this leads again to the anomaly that, of two unaffiliated Masons—one from a jurisdiction in which he is regarded in good standing, and the other from one in which he is not—both offering to visit a lodge in a third jurisdiction where unaffiliated masons are allowed to visit, one would have to be received and the other excluded. We state these matters to show what is the nature of the contest now raging among the reporters on correspondence and in the Grand Bodies. The reports are full of it, and we earnestly hope that some common ground of agreement may be found upon which we may all harmoniously rest.”

The following Grand Officers were elected:

Comp. Roger W. Woodbury, Denver, Grand High Priest.

“ Andrew Sagendorf, Colorado Springs. D. G. “

“ Edward B. Newnam, Longmont, Grand King.

“ Geo. K. Kimball, Golden, Grand Scribe.

“ Wm. D. Todd, Denver, Grand Treasurer.

“ Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown, Grand Secretary.

“ Geo. L. Courtney, Fort Collins, G. Capt. of the Host.

CONNECTICUT.

The eighty-fifth Annual Convocation of this M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held in Masonic Hall, in the city of New Haven, on Tuesday, May 8th, 1883; the Grand High Priest, James H. Welsh, being present with all the Grand Officers. Six Past Grand High Priests and one Past Grand Scribe, with Grand Representatives from eleven Grand Jurisdictions also present. Representatives from thirty-six of the thirty-seven Subordinate Chapters also present.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, delivered his Annual Address, from which we quote:

“ Since last we met we have been borne upon the current of time one year nearer the vast ocean of eternity. Another year with its opportunities has passed, its work is done, or if not done, it is now too late to do it. We meet for a few short hours to talk over the past and plan for the future, we have exchanged fraternal greetings, renewed old friendships and are forming new acquaintances which we trust will ripen into true friendship. We have rendered thanks to Almighty God for His great mercy and goodness in the past, and have invoked His blessings for the future; let our deliberations be so characterized by peace, harmony and brotherly love, that He will be pleased to approve and bless all our undertakings.

“ And now my Companions, I extend to you all a cordial and hearty welcome, to the eighty-fifth annual convocation of the Grand Chapter. In the year on which we have now entered let us earnestly endeavor to advance the interest of our beloved order, and heeding the admonitions of past experience, guard with watchful care the entrance to our portals, and admit none but good and true men to participate in our labors and privileges; and I here wish to impress upon the minds of the Companions, especially those who may be appointed on committees for the purpose, the necessity of a more thorough investigation into the character, qualifications and standing, of all petitioners for the capitular degrees.

“ The efficiency and usefulness of our Chapters, as well as the good name and reputation of our institution, depend largely upon the character of its members, and while it is of the utmost importance that we elect Companions of ability and character to preside over our Chapters, we should remember as we go out into the world, and mingle with our fellow-men, that honesty and integrity should be the distinguishing characteristics of the members of our order.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the financial condition to be good.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

M. E. John S. Castle, Waterbury, G. H. P.
 M. E. Chester Tilden, Willimantic, D. G. H. P.
 R. E. James McCormick, Windsor, G. K.
 R. E. Reuben H. Tucker, Ansonia, G. S.
 R. E. George Lee, Hartford, Grand Treasurer.
 R. E. J. K. Wheeler, Hartford, Grand Secretary.
 E. A. E. Blakeslee, Thomaston, G. C. of H.
 E. John O. Rowland, Fair Haven, G. P. S.
 E. Gilbert L. Hewitt, Norwich, G. R. A. C.
 Comp. Nelson G. Hinckley, Hartford, Trustee,
 “ Edmund Tweedy, Danbury, “
 “ Fred. H. Waldron, New Haven, “

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. John H. Barlow, Chairman of Committee; he reviews the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being fraternally mentioned and reviewed.

DELAWARE.

The Proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter are before us. Their Annual Meeting was held in the city of Wilmington, on January 17th, 1883. Most of the Grand Officers were present. Ten permanent members, or Past Grand Officers; Representatives of nine Grand Chapters, with a constitutional number of Subordinate Chapters. The M. E. Grand High Priest, Thomas Davidson, delivered his Annual Address, which represents Capitular Masonry not in a very flourishing condition. He says:

“Time, with its steady onward flight has brought us together again, and by divine blessing we are permitted to assemble at our Fifteenth Annual Convocation, and to meet around our sacred altar to return thanks to the Great I Am for the many blessings we have enjoyed, and to ask his guidance in the future; then is it not becoming in us as good and true Masons, before entering on the business of this Convocation, to kneel and invoke His aid. Let us thank Him that He has preserved us one and all, and permitted us to meet and greet each other here to-day. We have assembled here to review the work of the past, and to legislate for the future. The past year, my companions, has been a quiet one for Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction; we are at peace with all our sister jurisdictions, and among ourselves; the number of stones brought up for the building of the Temple has been few indeed, but let us hope it was good work, true work, just such as was wanted for the building of the Temple; let us not despair, for, sustained by a firm trust in the Great I Am, we will have a brighter future.

“My companions, I am sorry to say that all of the work for the past year has been wrought by the Chapters located in this city, and that two of the Chapters outside of the city have not met during the past year, unless within the last month, and that brothers living nearest those Chapters who would have applied for further light were deterred from so doing—having knowledge of the same—knowing that they could not receive the degrees.”

The following Grand Officers were elected:

Thomas Davidson, Grand High Priest.
 John Otto, Jr., Deputy Grand High Priest.
 George E. Wheeler, Grand King.
 Charles S. Rambo, Grand Scribe.
 Joseph A. Bond, Grand Treasurer.
 Henry B. McIntire, Grand Secretary.
 Solomon H. Staats, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a balance of \$52.82.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. Wm. G. W. Lewis. He reviews thirty-seven Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being among the number.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

There were three Convocations of this Grand Chapter during the year. A Special Convocation on Sunday, March 12th, 1882, was called to attend the funeral of the venerable and respected Companion Chauncey Smith, Past Grand Treasurer, whose death occurred March 10th, 1882. All the Grand Officers were present, and Representatives and Past High Priests of the Subordinate Chapters.

"The officers of the Grand Chapter proceeded to the main hall of the Temple, where church services were performed by Rev. Comp. Byron Sunderland, and Templar services by Columbia Commandery, No. 2. The remains were then escorted to Congressional Cemetery by Lafayette Lodge, No. 19; the officers of the Grand Chapter; Eureka Chapter, No. 4, and Columbia Commandery, No. 2, where they were interred with Masonic honors by Lafayette Lodge, No. 19. Appropriate music was rendered at the Temple and cemetery by the Masonic Choir. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the procession returned to the Temple."

The Semi-Annual Convocation was held in Masonic Temple, June 14th, 1882. All the Grand Officers being present; eight Past Grand High Priests, and others.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. The M. E. Grand High Priest, James P. Pearson, reported perfect harmony and great prosperity existing throughout the jurisdiction, and congratulated the Grand Chapter thereon.

The Annual Convocation was held December 13th, 1882. All the Grand Officers present; seven Past Grand High Priests; one Past Deputy Grand High Priest; two Past Grand Kings, and Representatives and Past High Priests from all the Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Chapter being opened in ample form, the M. E. Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address. He says:

“Again we are assembled in Grand Convocation to present our thank offerings to God for the blessings of the past year, and to ask his guidance in our action upon such matters as shall be presented for our consideration for the welfare of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction.

“The constituent Chapters are all prosperous, harmonious among themselves and in their relations with this Grand body, and peace reigns in our Order.”

The death of M. E. Companion Robert Farmer Bower was announced as follows:

“With feelings of the most profound regret, I announce to you the death of the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, M. E. Comp. ROBERT FARMER BOWER.

“This sad event occurred in the city of Keokuk, Iowa, on the 19th day of May, A. D. 1882, A. I. 2412. He was a diligent Masonic student, and his abilities were recognized by his exaltation to the distinguished office of General Grand High Priest in 1880, after filling successively those of General Grand King and Deputy General Grand High Priest, in each of which he commanded the respect and received the confidence of his associates in the General Grand Chapter.

“It is therefore directed that this communication be read in open Chapter at the first stated convocation after its reception, and spread upon the minutes, and that the Chapter chamber, altar and jewels of each subordinate Chapter be draped in mourning for the space of six months after the receipt hereof.”

Also of M. E. Companion Chauncey Smith:

“M. E. Companion Chauncey Smith, Past Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter, died on the 10th day of March, 1882. He was born December 2d, 1802, in Williamston, Vt. In early life he was engaged in mercantile pursuits, and in 1857 started South, intending to establish himself in business in Mobile, Ala. On his way thither, stopping for a short time in this city, he was induced by an influential friend to accept a position in the United States Patent Office. Departmental life proving more agreeable than he anticipated, he abandoned the idea of going to Mobile and took up his residence here. At the end of two years' service he was, at his own request, transferred to the Post Office Department, where he continued to be employed, enjoying the confidence and esteem of those with whom he was associated until his death—a faithful servant to the Government for a period of forty-five years. He was a great lover of music, to which science he gave much attention, though not a public performer.

“For more than fifty years he had been an active and zealous Mason. At a time previous to the excellent system now established for communicating Masonic knowledge, and when but few were qualified to give instruction, he established, at his rooms, a weekly school, where any of the craft were always cordially welcomed, and many of the older members of our fraternity are indebted to him for light and encouragement in their early Masonic life. He was active in organizing Lafayette Lodge, No. 19, and was elected and served as its first Worshipful Master; also Eureka Royal Arch Chapter, No. 4, serving as its first High Priest; was a charter member of Columbia Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, and at the organization of this Grand R. A. Chapter he was elected Grand Treasurer, which position he held until the close of the year 1880. At that time, although he retained to a great degree his mental vigor, his tottering steps and failing strength plainly showed to us that he would soon pass beyond the veil where we should meet him no more this side the grave.

"We would gladly have kept him upon the active list until the end, but he positively refused to continue longer in an office the whole duties of which he could not fulfill. He retained his membership in all the above-mentioned bodies until his decease. The funeral services were held at the Masonic Temple, the discourse being delivered by his personal friend, the Rev. Brother Byron Sunderland, D. D., and the Templar service rendered by Columbia Commandery, No. 2, when the body was escorted by his Commandery, Chapter, Lodge and the Grand Chapter to its last resting place in Congressional Cemetery, the Blue Lodge service being performed by Lafayette Lodge, No. 19, at the grave.

"He was a wise and accomplished Mason, an affable gentleman, an indulgent father and a true friend."

The other portions of the address are purely business matters of local interest.

The Grand Treasurer's account shows the financial affairs to be well conducted, and a good balance to the credit of the Grand Chapter.

The election for Grand Officers resulted as follows :

Comp. Jeremiah C. Allen, M. E. Grand High Priest.

" Burton R. Ross, M. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.

" Jose M. Yznaga, R. E. Grand King.

" George E. Corson, R. E. Grand Scribe.

" Lewis G. Stephens, R. E. Grand Secretary.

" Martin R. Thorp, R. E. Grand Treasurer.

" John Lockie, E. Grand Visitor and Lecturer.

" Thomas G. Addison, Rev. and E. Grand Chaplain.

" William G. Powers, E. Grand Captain of Host.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Companion Noble D. Larner. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being among the number fraternally mentioned.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown are before us. There were held three Grand Convocations; one on December 5th, 1882, a Moveable Grand Lodge on April 26th, 1883, and a Half-Yearly Communication on June 5th, 1883.

The first, or Half-Yearly Communication, of December 5th, 1882, was held at Freemasons' Tavern, at which the following Grand Officers were present:

- M. W. Bro. Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker, G. M. M. M.
- “ “ H. R. H. the Duke of Albany, P. G. M. M. M.
- “ “ Rt. Hon. the Earl of Limerick, P. G. M. M. M.
- “ “ W. W. B. Beach, *M. P.*, P. G. M. M. M.
- R. W. “ Rt. Hon. the Earl of Kintore, D. G. M. M. M.

And many representatives of high standing in the Order; a large number of Provincial Grand Officers, Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, Overseers, and members of Private Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

Considerable business of local importance was transacted.

The Grand Treasurer's Report was presented, and shows a handsome fund on hand and balance uninvested.

The following proceedings are quoted to show how differently the work progresses in this jurisdiction:

“Bro. Captain Thomas Hargreaves, P. G. J. D., then rose and said: Brethren, I have a most pleasing duty to perform, namely, to nominate our Most Worshipful Grand Master for

the ensuing year. I am sure the feelings which actuate me at this moment are shared by every member of Grand Lodge. The noble lord who now occupies the chair has been our Grand Master for a year and a half, and, as every Brother in the Degree knows, no one can occupy the chair of this Grand Lodge more than three years. It must be a great pleasure, however, to elect our Grand Master for a third year, and I am sure every Brother in the Grand Lodge will agree that we could not do better than elect Lord Henniker for the third time, that he may follow the long list of most worthy Grand Masters, who have already presided over us. Under his genial rule we have had most pleasant meetings, and his business-like capacity has enabled us to get through our work in a short time, in proof of which I may only refer to what has taken place to day. I have to nominate the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, as Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason for the ensuing year.

“At this stage of the proceedings, His Royal Highness, the Duke of Albany, was announced, and a Deputation of Grand Officers was appointed to escort him into Grand Lodge. The Deputation having withdrawn, shortly afterwards returned to Grand Lodge with His Royal Highness, who was conducted to a seat on the immediate left of the M. W. G. M. M. M. and saluted in ancient form.

“The M. W. G. M. M. M., addressing His Royal Highness, said: It is now my pleasing duty to present to your Royal Highness the wedding gift presented by the Mark Masons, which has the following inscription:—‘Presented to H. R. H., the Duke of Albany, K. G., Past Grand Mark Master Mason, by the Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, on his marriage, 1882.’ I will now ask the Grand Director of Ceremonies to uncover the gift.

“Bros. Berridge (G. D. C.) and Don. M. Dewar (Assistant Grand Secretary) then uncovered the present, which consisted of two massive silver vases, and a silver ewer.

“The M. W. G. M. M. M. said: Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, it was my pleasing duty a year ago to instal you in your place in Grand Lodge as a Past Grand Mark Master Mason, and on that occasion I took upon myself to congratulate you in the name of all Mark Master Masons on the happy prospects that were before you. Some little time after that, a formal resolution of congratulation was sent to

your Royal Highness, but some of us thought that we should like to present you with some more substantial proof than an address, in token of the sincerity of our hearty wishes for your welfare. Hence, Sir, this wedding present. It may be said that we are rather late in presenting it to your Royal Highness; but your Royal Highness is aware that Mark Masonry spreads its branches all over the world—branches which, I am happy to say, grow in strength and in vigor day by day—and we did not think it right without consulting our distant Brethren to make you the gift. They have now joined in making the gift, or else we should have chosen an earlier occasion for presenting it. Now, Sir, I have said that we wished to give you some substantial proof of our good wishes. I do not use the word “substantial” so much to represent the value of the present, as what I believe to be in the mind of every Mark Master Mason—that when you see our humble offering upon your table, you may be reminded of this, that no body of men—certainly much less of Masons—wish you and Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Albany, more heartily all the prosperity and happiness of this world than we do, and that there are no body of men among Her Majesty’s subjects who are more loyal and more attached than we are to the Throne of England. Sir, I wish you, in the name of all Mark Master Masons, all the prosperity and health that this world can afford, all the usefulness of life to those around you, which is the pride of the Royal House to which you belong; and may, Sir, the Grand Overseer of the Universe make your life and that of her Royal Highness as happy and as prosperous as every Mark Mason wishes it should be. Sir, with these few words, I offer for your acceptance the present which is before you.

“The Duke of Albany, M. W. P. G. M. M. M.: Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, I feel it difficult to find words in any way adequate to express the deep gratitude I feel towards you all for the magnificent present which you have given to me, not only for its intrinsic value, but because it is a proof of the kindly feelings you entertain towards me—and, I may add, towards my wife—and the interest which you have taken in the important step which I took this year. It is scarcely a year since I had the honor of being made a Past Grand Master of your Order, and I remember saying then that I would take every opportunity of doing what I could to further the interests of Mark Masonry. I fear, Brethren, as yet I have not been able to fulfill that promise,

but, I was looking forward with much pleasure to-night to have the honor and the pleasure of consecrating your first Lodge of Grand Mark Masters. Brethren, I will not take up your time any longer, as we have so much business before us this evening. I will only once more express to you both on the Duchess' part and on my own, our deep sense of gratitude towards you for your very handsome present.

"Grand Lodge was then declared special for the purpose of consecrating the Grand Mark Master Mason's Lodge; and the ceremony was performed by His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany. After which his Royal Highness left.

"On the resumption of Grand Lodge the Grand Secretary read a letter from the Mark Masters of Nottingham, and the Newstead Lodge, inviting Grand Lodge to hold its next Moveable Grand Lodge at Nottingham.

"Bro. Woodall, for the Mark Masons of York, and North and East Yorkshire, invited Grand Lodge to hold a Moveable Grand Lodge at a convenient season in the City of York.

"The M. W. G. M. M. M. said both these invitations should have a careful consideration, and the brethren who had kindly sent them would receive an answer, for due notice would be given of the day for holding the Moveable Grand Lodge.

"Charity Jewels were then presented by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, to Bros. Julius Arensberg, Rev. R. P. Bent, Robert Berridge, George Cooper, G. J. Cosburn, J. S. Cumberland, C. H. Driver, A. L. Emmanuel, R. J. Emerson, Henry George, Richard Glasspool, A. F. Godson, C. F. Goodenough, H. H. Hodges, L. A. Homfray, C. W. Hudson, F. A. Huet, J. J. Hughes, Jas. Inglis, H. J. Lardner, F. L. Lewis, H. Lovegrove, Joseph Manwaring, W. J. Meek, M. Mildred, J. T. Moreland, G. R. Ousey, Thomas J. Pulley, John Ramsay, R. P. Spice, J. T. Thorp, Henry Venn, Richard White.

"The M. W. G. M. M. M., after distributing the jewels, said he was much pleased to announce that the last festival of the Benevolent Fund was the most successful of all the festivals that had been held on its behalf, and he had now to thank the Stewards for their great exertions.

"The Grand Secretary announced that apologies for non-attendance had been received from:—"

Then follows apologies for non-attendance from a number of the members, after which Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

The Moveable Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham, on Thursday, April 26th, 1883.

Most of the Grand Officers were present and a large number of Provincial Grand Officers, Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, Overseers and Members of Private Lodges. Business of local importance was transacted.

By direction of the M. W. Grand Master. The Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed Nottinghamshire as a Province of Mark Master Masons.

A number of apologies for non-attendance were received and Grand Lodge closed in ample form.

The Half-Yearly Communication was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Tuesday, June 5th, 1883.

Most of the Grand Officers were present.

The M. W. G. M. M. M. said :

“Brethren, before we proceed to the business of Grand Lodge, I have an announcement to make to you which I am sure will be welcome to every brother here to-day, and I think to Mark Masters throughout the world; it is this, that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is about to join our Order. He wishes it to be distinctly understood that in doing so, his taking this degree shall in no way be construed as a wish on his part to see the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons amalgamated with the Grand Lodge of the Craft, and he also wishes it to be distinctly understood that his joining this Order should in no way be used as an argument in favor of such an amalgamation. Brethren, I am sure that you will agree with me that we shall all welcome him into our Order and into Grand Lodge with the greatest possible pleasure, and I can assure you it is a great pleasure to me that he is about

to join the Order, to which I may say, I think, safely without fear of contradiction, I have my heart particularly attached, during my term of office. Brethren, it will be my pleasing duty to propose to you at our next meeting of Grand Lodge that the degree of a Past Grand Master should be conferred upon His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. I do not think that this will meet with anything but cordial approval from every one connected with Mark Masonry, and I shall not only move that he be made a Past Grand Master of this Order, but that his name be placed at the head of our list of Past Grand Masters."

After business of no general importance Grand Lodge closed in ample form.

No report on Correspondence.

Comp. William J. Hughan, our representative near the Grand Mark Lodges, presents the Grand Secretary with the following official report.

Official. TORQUAY, ENGLAND, 17th December, 1883.

MY DEAR M. E. COMP. MEYER :

"It is high time I wrote a few lines to you officially as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania at the Mark Grand Lodge of England, especially as the Mark degree is making such rapid progress in this Country.

"Years ago the chief objection to Mark Masonry was the fact of its being '*unrecognized*,' but though that is still a fact, and will continue to be so, its weight as a Masonic factor is actually nothing, for now we are proud to have amongst our Past Grand Mark Masters, Albert the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and H. R. H. Duke of Albany, respectively *Grand Master*, Pro-Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master of England, the fourth mentioned being the most illustrious of the numerous Provincial Grand Masters who are also connected with the degree. Hence, it is clear, that part as with the 'Ancient and Accepted Rite' degrees, the Mark is *virtually*, though not actually recognized at headquarters.

“The choice of a mark is an old operative custom extending back to the remotest ancient past, but the point of late has been to prove that *marks* were selected by *speculative* as well as operative Masons in *Pre-Grand Lodge* times. That we can do easily now, because of the old records of so many Ancient Lodges being traced. Take for example those of the ‘Aberdeen Lodge, Scotland. Their mark book begins in A. D. 1670, and contains a request of *forty-nine names*, with marks attached. Only *ten* out of the number were operative Masons, the great majority being noblemen, professional men, and other tradesmen, the Master of the Lodge being a tutor! Surely this is evidence enough for any one, as to the *speculative* character of the Craft anterior to the last century.

“As Royal Arch Masons we have been observing a few Centennial commemorations lately. I was at the first held at Bath, (‘Royal Cumberland Chapter,’) the Grand Scribe E., and other distinguished Companions being present. The earliest of the Chapters date from 1769, but the Grand Chapter itself is of earlier date, and was worked under the wing of the “Moderns,” the “Atholl” Grand Lodge (or “Ancients” so called) allowing their Lodges to work the degree without separate or special warrants. Of the latter in this country we have no early records whatever, save the mention of the degree in the Grand Lodge minutes of 1752, etc. In your Country, however, happily the “Jerusalem” Chapter, No. 3 (*our* Chapter), has been traced by you back to A. D. 1758, which is eleven before our earliest preserved here. I consider your sketch or history one of the most interesting ever published, and some day I hope to use portions of it in my next work, which is to be on “The Rise and Progress of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England,” for its History is so far unwritten. You have done nobly for the Craft in Pennsylvania, as respects historical studies; in fact far beyond any I know of.

“I grieve much to say that our Grand Mark Lodge has got into difficulties with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec. You are, doubtless, acquainted with all the particulars, but allow me to state a few facts as they occur to me. The difficulties arise out of the English Lodges at Montreal, which still refuse to join the Grand Lodge of Quebec. I consider they are acting up to their rights in so doing, according to the custom in this Country from the earliest Grand Lodge times. I do not, however, think the members wise in so doing, and certainly their isolation is not for the good of the Canadian Craft. Still

the fact remains, they hold on to the Grand Lodge of England, and to provide for their taking the Mark degree under the English Constitution, a Mark Lodge was warranted in 1871, as No. 131, for Montreal, the degree having been worked prior to this, but not authorized. The *error of our Grand Mark Lodge*, however, has been in granting two new Charters in 1882-3, some six months *after* the Grand Chapter of Quebec was formed, and some three years after that body and the Mark Grand Lodge exchanged Representatives. The Grand Chapter of Quebec has made short work of it. Their Representative here, our good friend the Rev. Canon Portal, M. A. (P. M. W. G. M. M.), had his credentials withdrawn, and now it looks most unpleasant. Bro. Portal was ill, unfortunately, just at the time the matter was gone into, so that still further complicated the question.

Now, the Mark Grand Lodge offers to confine the Warrant to members of the English Register only, *no others being eligible for advancement*, but no reply has been received to this olive branch. It is a *thousand pities*, but the difficulties mainly arise out of the fact that the Grand Lodge of Quebec has failed to induce all the Lodges to join its ranks, which were in existence prior to its constitution. It is from no want of effort, for M. A. Bro. Dr. Graham has worked with the greatest zeal, ability and energy, but all to no purpose. I am all the more sorry because, though I support our Mark Grand Lodge in keeping on the R. M. the Lodge constituted in 1871, I cannot agree with their chartering those of 1882-3.

"These are the main facts. May the difficulty soon be solved! My appointment as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is, of course, subject to the will of the M. E. Grand High Priest, and in his hands I leave it, being assured that he will act wisely in deciding if I am right in continuing to act on your behalf as a Grand Chapter, under the circumstances, or not. I desire to be loyal to my Mark Grand Lodge here, and to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and so far I myself see no bar to my so doing. With every respect for your ancient Body and for the honored Chief,

Yours affectionately,

W. J. HUGHAN.

GEORGIA.

The sixty-first Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Atlanta, April 25th, 1883. All of the Elective Grand Officers were present, a number of appointed Grand Officers, and Permanent members, four Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand Scribe, ten Past High Priests, and Representatives of ten Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, when the Grand High Priest, Charles E. Lambdin, delivered his Annual Address :

“COMPANIONS: Having presented our oblations to the Omnipotent One, and acknowledged with praise and thanksgiving His goodness and mercy toward us for the past year, during which the incense of grateful hearts, I trust, has been continually rising from altars on which the fires of fervent love have been kept burning, day and night, let me ask you, what means this Convocation? Have we met to deliberate upon the best means to advance our secular interests and to promote our financial status? If so, we would deserve praise for that; for it is laudable to utilize every means for advancement, and especially to counsel and advise with each other, for ‘in the multitude of counselors there is safety.’ Do the affairs of Church or State demand our attention? Patriots and sages, in all ages, have deemed these matters of great importance and have willingly gathered together in conventions and spent their time, talents and energies in advancing the cause of their country or their God. Have we assembled, a social band, to while away, in friendly intercourse, a day or two? That would be delightful, as well as commendable, were there no other motives actuating us—were there no aspirations for a higher, nobler, purer life, and no desire to influence others to seek that which is pure, and noble, and holy.

“Masonry was established, my dear Companions, to assist man in this important work. The building of grand, exalted characters is its peculiar and appropriate work. We, as Speculative Masons, are builders in a grander degree than our

operative brethren who work with and upon the perishable materials of time and sense alone, for we build imperishable, indestructible temples for the habitation of Jehovah, broad, and wide, and high, ornamented with virtue and benevolence, and overlaid with purity and holiness, refined in the crucible of numberless trials, temptations and afflictions—pure gold from which all the dross of lasciviousness and sensuality, all the lusts and evil desires of the flesh, have been separated.

“Are we Masons? Such is our daily professions, but are we? Are we daily at work in the quarries, truing and squaring our lives by the Master’s Square? Is the work we bring up for inspection, our own work, worthy to be received by the Grand Overseer? Are we making progress with our building? Is it broader, or larger, or higher, or grander to-day than a year ago when we last met? Are all its parts symmetrical and united firmly by the cement of brotherly love? Let us examine ourselves, Companions; let us see just what we are—what progress we have made—what we are now doing, and what are our plans and purposes for the future, and possibly we may benefit ourselves and promote the welfare of our beloved order.”

As to the condition of Capitular Masonry he says:

“I am glad to report that in quite a number of our Chapters there are cheering evidences of returning prosperity, many of them having done more work this year than they have done for several years. I am sure if our Companions of the several Chapters will select earnest, enthusiastic officers whose love for the Royal Craft is undoubted, that we shall no longer have to complain of a decline in Masonry, but our Order will again be prosperous. We are upon rising ground now, let us keep moving onward and upward to success.”

The death of M. E. Past High Priest, William Tracey Gould was announced in feeling terms.

The Grand Treasurer’s report shows the financial condition good.

All the Grand Officers were re-elected.

No Report on Correspondence.

ILLINOIS.

The thirty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State was held in the Armory Hall of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, in the city of Chicago, on Thursday, October 26th, 1882. All the Grand Officers present, a constitutional number of subordinate Chapters being represented the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, John P. Norvell, delivered his Annual Address, mostly of local interest.

Anderson Chapter, No. 184, located at Rushville, was constituted.

And the charters of the following named Chapters arrested:

"Herman Chapter, No. 16, located at Hennepin; Stanton Chapter, No. 116, located at Stanton; Woodford Chapter, No. 110, located at Metamora; Laomi Chapter, No. 178, located at Laomi; Louisville Chapter, No. 81, located at Louisville.

"The charters of these Chapters, together with the property belonging to each, are in the hands of your Grand Secretary."

The following decisions were made:

"1st. Upon payment of the amount of dues owing by a Companion at the time of his suspension, and for the non-payment of which he was suspended (there being no other charge pending against him), it is the duty of the Chapter to reinstate him, either to membership in his Chapter or to good standing in the fraternity.

"2d. A High Priest, although elected his own successor, must be installed.

"3d. The Council being a separate and distinct body, the Chapter should not be opened before the Council. The Degrees of Royal and Select Master cannot be conferred within the bosom of the Chapter, but must be conferred in a Council of Royal and Select Masters, held for that purpose, and a record thereof kept separate and apart from the records of the Chapter."

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a good financial condition.

The following Grand Officers were elected:—

M. E. Comp. Samuel Shannon, of Mt. Carmel, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Comp. William L. Orr, of Carrollton, Deputy Grand High Priest.

E. Comp. John A. Ladd, of Sterling, Grand King.

E. Comp. John O'Neill, of Chicago, Grand Scribe.

E. Comp. Gilbert W. Barnard, of Chicago, Grand Secretary

M. E. Comp. Wiley M. Egan, of Chicago, Grand Treasurer.

E. Comp. Rev. Wm. H. Scott, of Sparta, Grand Chaplain.

E. Comp. George W. Curtiss, of Urbana, Grand Captain of the Host.

E. Comp. Philander W. Barclay, of Cairo, Grand Principal Sojourner.

E. Comp. Sylvester O. Spring, of Peoria, Grand Royal Arch Captain.

E. Comp. Joseph E. Dyas, of Paris, Grand Master of 3d Veil.

E. Comp. James Mayor, of Carthage, Grand Master of 2d Veil.

E. Comp. Edward C. Pace, of Ashley, Grand Master of 1st Veil.

E. Comp. John P. Ferns, of Chicago, Grand Steward.

E. Comp. Arnold R. Robinson, of Springfield, Grand Tyler.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Companion Theodore T. Gurney, who left the Reportorial Corps some time since, but was restored by order of the M. E. Grand High Priest. We quote the introduction to his report:

“COMPANIONS: Our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion John P. Norvell, was pleased to restore us to a position previously occupied.

“At the time of our resignation of the duties of reporter, infirmities of the flesh, large demands upon our attention from other fields of Masonic labor, together with exacting public duties, made it necessary to be released of a considerable portion of our masonic responsibilities. It was with great reluctance that we severed these pleasant relations with our cotemporaries. We had been received into the *circle* with far more attention than was expected, or that was justified by any additions made to the intellectual prominence of the work; and for this reason we have been induced to resume it; and, as in the past, relying not only upon the broad charity of Companions reportorial, but upon the brethren of our own jurisdiction who are the most interested in the character of their representatives.

“There are many questions claiming attention, consequent upon fresh theories, and a constant delving after the curious in jurisprudence. If the reportorial department of Masonic literature has not accomplished aught else, it has been instrumental in harmonizing many of these conflicting opinions, and bringing jurisdictions into closer and more intimate relations. These evidences of progress are gratifying, but they bear insignificant proportions to the advancement made in the inner, active life of the institution. Masons are rapidly learning that organizations, having the welfare of man as the centre of their hopes for usefulness, must be on the alert to preserve themselves from being tainted by any influences that will cast shadows upon integrity of purpose. *Masonry* looks to the exalted possibilities of man as its ideal of fraternity. It demands of us, honor, charity; and in all the walks of life a growing appreciation of the great fact that we should stand between the Infinite, and the man that He would draw into closer communion with Himself.

“The dry technicalities of jurisprudence or ritual, pale before the grander thought of the Royal Craft. We should not for a moment forget that we are to be fitted and prepared as living stones for that spiritual building; represented to us in the chapter. In other words, we are to be men controlled by principles that lie at the foundations of every laudable undertaking. Jurisprudence should be as near perfect and harmonious as possible, and ritual, the best that human ingenuity can devise; but both must be adapted to, and in unison with the fraternal edifice.

“ Companions, we have great faith in masonry. We believe it a chosen instrumentality for the cultivation of the underlying and undying principles that are at the basis of all good government; therefore it is that we are jealous of its fair fame. Sectarian and theological peculiarities are not involved. We must stand upon the broad platform of *manhood*. We care not for a man's nativity, his color or theology; but we do insist that every Craftsman should have an individuality that does not admit of questions as to his purity and integrity. It costs nothing to be a man above reproach. The highway to our best commissions is an avenue adorned with attractions, that grow in appreciation and beauty the more earnestly they are contemplated. Not only is it without toll-gates or other demands upon purse or good sense, but it has the grand charm of Faith, Hope and Charity, beckoning us onward to the most perfect conception of the present and future. On the other hand, the road to degredation is immeasurable in proportions, and made attractive to stunted sensibilities by displays that rob the pocket, destroy life, blasting hopes for usefulness, and taking us from the world without a contribution to its welfare.

“ We do not indulge in unjustifiable fancies for the fraternity. No. We do believe, however, that a craftsman can be a man, in honor above reproach, and in full sympathy with the harmonizing principles with which he becomes familiar in his intercourse with lodge and chapter. Such a man may stumble—may for a time yield his better judgment to the caresses of depravity; but if the fraternal edifice has not lost its attractions, the higher thought of life will ultimately restore to duty and obligation.

“ A sane man is not likely to decorate his house for a brute, or introduce filth to his family circle. Masons should be as wise, and when men seek associations with the craft, we should know if they are adapted to the home they would occupy. It is an imposition upon the candidate to take his money, and then introduce him to an atmosphere to which he is an utter stranger, and for which he does not feel a particle of sympathy. To sum up the whole subject, there is a broad unfathomable gulf between honor and dishonor, drunkenness and sobriety, licentiousness and purity. Where must *we* be found? We hear the reply thundering in our ears; Holiness to the Great King.”

He reviews the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being among the number reviewed. After referring to your Committee's review of 1881, under the head of New York, the Companion adds :

"These quotations are made to introduce a view of the subject too frequently overlooked. We wish to say to Companion Zane, that masonry is a law unto itself and working upon lines of action which, if regarded, will dispense with the seeming necessity, in the minds of some brethren, of devoting particular *public* attention to specific vice. If Companions were faithful executors of the trusts which have been voluntarily assumed, we should never see open vice in the bodies with which we are connected. The most wise legislation, ecclesiastical, political or fraternal, is not of any value in the absence of persons who are unwilling to enforce its provisions. If drunkards are in the chapter, get them out; if profane swearers are there, dispense with their presence also. All this can be accomplished by masonic bodies that have the courage to enforce the fundamental law. It would be a novel feature of church government to define the particular sins for which its members were to be disciplined.

"Wills, testaments, law, contemplate execution. The moral law, whether of Divine or human origin, embraces the only principles which are to protect men in commendable associations, or in their personal rights. If this law did not have executors there could not be any such thing as civilization. Necessity, apart from religions, has forced men to accept it, knowing its absolute importance to the body politic in the organization and perpetuation of civilized governments. The civil magistrate is the executor of the civil law. He is the agent of a community, and does not have anything to do but to compel respect for the statute. The executors, however, of the other division of law perform their functions from an entirely different standpoint. They ask that ethical character shall supplant ignorance, brutality, vice and crime in coming to men with convictions that virtue inspire, thus representing the great truth that the grandest rewards of life are to be found in being the executors of Truth; Faith, Hope and Charity.

"Here is where we are, Companions, the pledged supporters, not of a sentimentalism, but of axioms that enter into the very soul of our civilization and common humanity. We

cannot be *men* and ignore law necessary to *manhood*. As well might it be insisted that a thief can be of value as a citizen, as to suppose that a libertine, drunkard, or a foul-mouthed profligate can be of importance to an organization that professes to occupy a place in the moral forces of the world.

"Please understand that assent is not asked to collateral questions that come of theological dogma, neither is this written with the idea that manhood cannot be accomplished except in communion with ecclesiasticism; but we do express the belief that manhood, in its broadest sense, is the grand ideal of our fraternity, and that it cannot be reached by masons, except in compliance with the *foundation* truths of the institution. It would be quite as reasonable to suppose that the body can be perpetuated in symmetry, beauty and strength in the use of poisons that destroy the tissues, as to expect that intellect, reason, truthfulness and purity of character will be the result of a life in practical association with elements of known hostility to moral law.

"Truths are dogmatic, eternal. They cannot be made subservient to whim or caprice. 'Two and two make four.' Men come into the world; the body dies, moulders and passes into dust. These are not propositions that will admit of contradiction; neither would a sane man listen with patience to a disquisition denying facts coexistent with our race. It is just as undeniable that manhood must come of obedience to the fundamental principles of our civilization. This is the cornerstone of masonry. Without it the institution would sink into oblivion. No association with any pretensions to the consideration of good men, can withstand the shock of treachery to human welfare. Treat the subject as we may, it is a truth stern, uncompromising, and written all over the fraternal edifice from foundation to cap-stone, that to be a *mason* is to be a gentleman, in honor above reproach, and seeking avenues to usefulness, rather than wallowing in excesses that wreck both mind and body.

"Companions, we have law enough! Statute upon statute insures contempt. Enforce the law upon which we rest; and, although confusion may for a time be the result of your determinations, yet a brighter sky will soon come of an earnest purpose to purge your organizations of pollution."

Which we cordially endorse.

INDIANA.

The Thirty-Seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in Grand Masonic Temple, in the City of Indianapolis, on the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October, 1882. All the Grand Officers were present with nine Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of seventy out of the eighty-four Subordinate Chapters.

A constitutional number being present the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, C. H. Butterfield delivered his annual address. He says :

“Another year with its joys and sorrows, its hopes and disappointments, has passed into eternity since we met in this tabernacle, and we are again assembled to review the work of the past, and to take counsel together for the future.

“I greet you, each and all, heartily, and I congratulate you upon the auspicious circumstances under which we have met to hold this, our thirty-seventh annual convocation.

“The year just past has been one of almost unexampled prosperity to the people of our beloved State. Peace has prevailed throughout her borders, while neither famine nor pestilence has invaded her borders. The farmer rejoices in barns bursting with plenty and graneries overflowing with golden grain, while everywhere the busy hum of industry in workshop and in factory, proclaims the prosperity of the manufacturer and the artisan.

“Within our own Order peace and harmony prevail. Our relations with other Grand Jurisdictions are harmonious and friendly, while the general condition of the Royal Craft in this Jurisdiction is such as to inspire us with high hopes for the future.

“Meeting under such favorable conditions, let us remember and acknowledge our obligations to that Great Being to whose infinite power and goodness we are indebted for all these blessings.”

Two new Chapters were organized during the year :

Edinburg Chapter located at Edinburg, Johnson County, and Greenfield Chapter at Greenfield, Hancock County.

The Grand High Priest made the following decisions:

“The question was whether a Companion in good standing in his Chapter, but unaffiliated as a Master Mason, was eligible for the office of High Priest of his Chapter. I decided that he was.

“An unaffiliated Master Mason in this Jurisdiction can not apply for and receive the Chapter Degrees in any Chapter therein. He must be a member of some Lodge. But an unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason, being at the same time an unaffiliated Master Mason, may petition for membership and be elected a member of a Chapter without first affiliating with a Lodge—it being understood, of course, that he must be in good standing as an unaffiliate in regard both to Chapter and Lodge. In other words, I decided that a Companion might be an unaffiliated Master Mason without affecting his standing in the Chapter.

“The following was also submitted for my decision:

“A Companion was expelled from his Lodge for unmasonic conduct. He was afterwards, on petition, reinstated as an unaffiliated Master Mason. His expulsion was reported to the Chapter of which he was a member, and spread on the minutes. He afterward applied for membership in another Lodge, and was accepted. He then applied to the Chapter for a dimit. I decided that he was not entitled to a dimit. In other words, the scope of my decision was, that the action of the Lodge in expelling the Companion expelled him from the Chapter, but that the action of the Lodge, or rather the two Lodges, in reinstating and receiving him as a member, did not reinstate him in the Chapter.

“At an election in a Chapter for the degrees, ‘a mistake in passing the ballot occurred,’ as the Secretary of the Chapter states it, and I was requested to authorize the ballot to be passed the second time, which I declined to do.

“If a mistake actually occurs on such an occasion, sufficient to vitiate the ballot and render it actually no ballot, the High Priest being actually present and cognizant of all the circumstances, might, perhaps, be justified, under the circumstances, in ordering the ballot passed a second time. I could, however, see no grounds upon which a dispensation for that purpose would be authorized.”

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows the financial condition good.

The election of Grand Officers resulted as follows :

- M. E. Albert P. Charles, of Seymour, Grand High Priest.
- R. E. Robert VanValzah, of Terre Haute, Deputy Grand High Priest.
- R. E. Benjamin F. Dawson, of Angola, Grand King.
- R. E. Mortimer Nye, of LaPorte, Grand Scribe.
- R. E. Charles Fisher, of Indianapolis, Grand Treasurer.
- R. E. John M. Bramwell, of Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

The Report on Correspondence is from the Chairman of that Committee, Albert P. Charles. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-two grand jurisdictions. Pennsylvania for 1881, being among the number fraternally mentioned.

KANSAS.

This M. E. Grand Chapter held its Eighteenth Annual Convocation in the city of Topeka, on February 20th, 1883. All the Grand Officers were present, with a constitutional number of Subordinate Chapters. The Grand Chapter being opened in ample form, the M. E. Grand High Priest, George C. Kenyon, delivered his Annual Address. He says:

"One more revolution of the earth in its orbit has brought the time for us to 'carry up our work for inspection,' not forgetting that we, as Royal Arch Masons, have a 'mark' that is inseparable and synonymous with our names, whereby we may be known when our work shall be collected from the several quarries in which we have wrought for the last masonic year, but ever remembering that our trust is in the great 'I AM;' and while we bow before our sacred altar on this, our eighteenth annual convocation, let us not only bend the knee to our Supreme High Priest, but bend our hearts and our lives to his holy will.

“The general prosperity of this, our beloved State, for the past year, is such as to draw forth some remarks on that subject. As a State, we have had the largest and best crop of cereals ever grown in any one year. This is especially true of our wheat and corn, which is largely in excess of former years, and of the very best quality. Our cattle, sheep, and hogs are becoming quite a factor in our farming interests, the improvement in the grade, as well as the increase over other years, being so great as to call to our State and County Fairs some of the most noted herds of these animals from other States, which were fairly competed with, and beaten by those of our own State. Money, the great lever which moves every branch of business, has been abundant, and cheaper rates of interest have been obtained than at any other time of our State’s history. All this means prosperity to all classes, and the Royal Craft has had its full share, both in increased membership and increased treasuries. For all these blessings we look up to the Giver of all things, and say: ‘For he is good, for his mercy endureth forever.’”

Dispensations for the formation of five new Chapters were issued:

Signet Chapter, at Clyde, in Clyde County.

Kaw Valley Chapter, at Wamego, in Pottawatomie County.

Delta Chapter, at Marion, in Marion County.

Ellsworth Chapter, at Ellsworth, in Ellsworth County.

Eureka Chapter, at Eureka, in Greenwood County.

The Grand Treasurer’s Report shows a good balance on hand.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

M. E. Henry M. Waters, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Geo. S. Green, Deputy Grand High Priest.

R. E. Jacob DeWitt, Grand King,

R. E. Andrew M. Callaham, Grand Scribe.

R. E. Christian Beck, Grand Treasurer.

R. E. John H. Brown, Grand Secretary.

The report on Correspondence was presented by Companion John H. Brown, Chairman of Committee. It reviews the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania for 1881 being among the number reviewed.

KENTUCKY.

This Grand Chapter held its Sixty-Seventh Annual Session in the City of Louisville, on Tuesday, the Seventeenth day of October, 1882. All the Grand Officers present, together with twelve Past Grand High Priests and Representatives from twenty-three Grand Jurisdictions. A constitutional number of Subordinate Chapters being present the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The E. Deputy Grand High Priest, Howard R. French, then addressed the Grand Chapter. He said:

“On the 19th day of July last I received from the M. E. Grand High Priest official notice of his inability longer to discharge the duties of that office, in consequence of which I have been called upon as the next of rank to exercise the prerogatives of that exalted station, and by his request submit a report of his official acts as well as my own, during that brief period. He also constitutes me his proxy to greet you on this occasion, and ask you to co-operate with him in the effort to legislate with an eye single to the best interests of the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction.

“We come as ‘workmen from the quarries with work for inspection,’ and to draw designs upon our trestle boards for the future government of our craft. May it all be such as will stand the test of the Master’s unerring square.

“Our quarries are securely guarded from the curious eye, but the fruit of our labors is seen of all men. Let us not be content then with simply a knowledge of the Mystic Art, with digging in the rubbish for the beautiful stones rejected by the ignorant profane. But let us busy ourselves in erecting them into glorious Temples of character, on which are engraved with deepest indentations, Faith in God, Hope in Immortality, and Charity to all mankind.”

He also says:

“To my mind there is no more pregnant cause of the lack of interest in the work of the Capitular Degrees, and the sparse attendance on the few meetings held, than a want of familiarity with the ritual on the part of the principal officers of the Chapters. The possession of this knowledge as a prerequisite to exaltation to office, was recognized by the wise-

framers of our laws, and we do well to heed their wise counsels in opening our quarries. No sensible man would let to mere apprentices a contract to prepare the stone for his costly mansion; how much less should we give authority to prepare the living stones for our Temple to any but those fully competent to teach the young craftsman such skill in architecture as will enable him to produce good work, true work and square work only, and excite in him a love for his profession.

"It is not natural for us to be much interested in work of which we ourselves are comparatively ignorant, and which we rarely see well done by others,

"I am aware the instruction necessary to attain this proficiency is not easy of access to the majority of our subordinate masonic bodies, and for that reason I have always favored Grand Lecturers, whose duty it should be to visit subordinates and impart this instruction. Grand officers are not always competent to do so, nor can they leave their ordinary avocations to travel over their jurisdictions for that purpose.

It is therefore highly important there should be, at least in every new Chapter established, one companion who is competent to do and to teach; and until the proper certificate of the qualifications of the proposed High Priest to perform his duties is produced, I deem it the duty of the Grand High Priest to refuse to grant a dispensation. I hope this meets with your approval."

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a good financial condition.

The election resulted as follows:

M. E. Howard R. French, Mt. Sterling, Grand High Priest.
 E. R. M. Fairleigh, Hopkinsville, Dep. Grand High Priest.
 E. Charles E. Dunn, Louisville, Grand King.
 E. Bernard G. Witt, Henderson, Grand Scribe.
 Comp. John H. Leathers, Louisville, Grand Treasurer.
 " Joseph H. Branham, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. Hiram Bassett, Chairman of Committee. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania for the year 1881 being among the number fraternally mentioned.

LOUISIANA.

The Thirty-Sixth Annual Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in New Orleans on Tuesday, February 13th, 1883. Most of the Grand Officers present. Five Past Grand Officers. Representatives from twenty-five grand jurisdictions and the representatives of thirteen Subordinate Chapters also present.

A constitutional number being present the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Andrew Hero, Jr., delivered his annual address from which we quote :

“EXCELLENT COMPANIONS:—I extend you a cordial, fraternal greeting to this our thirty-sixth Annual Grand Convocation, and rejoice in our again assembling around our Sacred Altar, to give thanks unto the Great I AM, to whose infinite power we are enabled to renew our ties of companionship and to continue our labors for the promotion of the interests of our beloved order.

“The past Masonic year has been attended with prosperity to the people of this State, and whilst our order has shared in the general success, consequent upon the general welfare prevalent within our midst, yet our continued zeal and energy is requisite to dispel the darkness of adversity that had enshrouded Capitular Masonry in Louisiana during the past later years.”

The other portions of the address were of local interest.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a healthy condition.

The election of Grand Officers was as follows:

James Louis Lobdell, D. G. H. P., of Washington Chapter, No. 5, M. E. G. High Priest.

Alfred Shaw, of Delta Chapter No. 15, R. E. D. G. High Priest.

Richard Lambert, G. S., of Concorde Chapter No. 2, R. E. G. King.

Frederick Endom, of Monroe Chapter No. 18, R. E. Grand Scribe.

Sam'l M. Todd, P. G. H. P., of Orleans Chapter No. 1, R. E. Grand Treasurer.

J. C. Batchelor, M. D., of Orleans Chapter No. 1, R. E. Grand Secretary.

M. E. Comp. Joseph P. Hornor made report on Correspondence for the Committee. He says:

"Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to report that they have received, as usual, copies of the proceedings of our several sister Grand Chapters, but have determined to postpone a review of the same until next year.

"Our first consideration, in determining upon this course, is the condition of our treasury, which can better support the expense of a bi-ennial rather than an annual report; and the second, the belief that a bi-ennial review will accomplish the desired result.

"While we are convinced that reviews of the proceedings of sister Grand Chapters are greatly conducive to the good of this Grand Chapter, and to that of the order generally, in creating emulation, maintaining and fostering fraternal relations, and in promoting harmony and uniformity of work and legislation, still, the reports of the various Committees on Correspondence are not so widely read and studied as some companions imagine, and in many instances are perused only by the reviewers themselves, and written principally to that end. In illustration of our meaning, we having not made a report for some years prior to ours of last year, since the appearance of that, have had the curiosity to ask many members of this Grand Chapter whether they had read it, and we have failed to find three among all your members who would plead guilty to the 'soft impeachment.'

"Taking all things into consideration, therefore, your Committee feel fully justified in the adoption of their determination to hereafter present a review every second year, unless matters of urgency should arise."

MARYLAND.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of this State held its Eighty-Fifth Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple, Baltimore, on Tuesday, November 14th, 1882.

All the Grand Officers were present, and twenty-four Jurisdictions represented.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The Grand High Priest, William F. Cochran, delivered his Annual Address, from which we quote:

“The occasion of our assembling to-night reminds us that time flies with urgent haste—day succeeds night, and night follows day again in quick succession—pleasure and pain, happiness and sorrow, joy and grief are borne alike on fleeting wings, as to-morrow becomes to-day, and to-day yesterday—a memory—and its events merely the records of the past. And thus amid the rapidly shifting scenes of life we are brought together to review the labors of the past year, and provide such wise legislation for the future government of our Royal Craft as your mature minds and sound judgments may deem necessary.

“It is proper that before entering upon the labors of this Annual Convocation of our Grand Chapter—now in its eighty-fifth year as such—we should assemble around our holy altar, and with reverential gratitude acknowledge the blessings the Grand Architect of the Universe has been pleased to bestow upon us, and in the humble spirit that should characterize the children of His creation when with bended knee and contrite heart they bow before His throne, confess our dependence upon His mercy, and ask that the loving kindness He has ever shown our fathers may also guide us in our labors here, as well as in the erection of our spiritual temple, so that when the sixth hour of the sixth day of the week shall come to us, and we are called upon to present our work for inspection, we may reasonably hope to receive the award that ours is good work, and that we are entitled to wages.

"The year just closing has been a remarkable one in the history of our Grand Chapter by reason of its uneventfulness. The relations existing between us and our sister Grand Chapters continue to be of the most agreeable character, while in our own family circle of Subordinate Chapters, so harmonious has been the current of events, that no question has arisen calling for any action on the part of the Grand High Priest.

"The Angel of Death, though sometimes hovering over the outer doors of our Temple, has mercifully passed by without entering to call any of our members from their work, and we meet to-night with our circle unbroken, to renew old friendships, and form new ones under a bond of union that, let us hope, naught but the severed chain of life shall terminate."

In reference to Grand Representatives, he says :

"The appointment of Grand Representatives is made, as I understand it, with the expectation that those who are thus honored shall promptly communicate such of the proceedings of our Grand Bodies as may be of special interest to the craft at large to the Grand Chapters they represent, or be the medium of communication of similar information from such Grand Chapters to those to whom they are accredited. It too frequently happens that Companions receive this distinction and either forget that the acceptance of the honor also imposes duties upon them, or most signally fail in the discharge of the duties they voluntarily and gladly assume. So that, except in the printed proceedings of our Grand Chapters they are never heard of in this official relation until either death or dimission occasions a vacancy, and even then the true cause of their continued silence may not be discovered by the Grand Chapter commissioning them, for years. Indeed, it may well be questioned, since the Chairmen of our Committees of Correspondence present such admirable reports of the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters, whether there is any longer the necessity for our system of Grand Representatives, save that in the event of a possible misunderstanding between two Grand Chapters each would be properly represented near the other, and explanations could be made without delay. A number of the Grand Chapters in this country are wisely adopting the rule that all commissions of Grand Representatives shall terminate with each triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter, and in order that these honors may

be enjoyed by as many of the Companions as possible, to restrict the Companions from representing more than one Grand Chapter at the same time. I recommend that such action be taken on this subject as in your wisdom you may deem advisable."

In regard to the condition of Capitular Masonry in the State, he adds:

"I am glad to be able to report that the outlook for Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction is a most encouraging one. Almost without exception the Chapters have been constantly at work, and quite a large number of the Brethren have been exalted to the degree of Royal Arch, and have attained the perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry. Much interest is taken in the work, and a healthy degree of rivalry exists, particularly between some of our city Chapters, which results in the officers, especially those on the floor, embracing every opportunity to perfect themselves in the ritual, and creating a noble spirit of emulation as to 'who can best work and best agree.'"

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the financial condition to be good.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

- Comp. Charles V. S. Levy, M. E. G. H. Priest.
- " George W. Sheive, R. E. D. G. H. Priest.
- " John M. Carter, R. E. Grand King.
- " Henry C. Larrabee, R. E. Grand Scribe.
- " Thomas J. Shryock, R. E. Grand Treasurer.
- " George L. McCahan, R. E. Grand Secretary.
- " J. Bryan Purcell, R. E. Grand Chaplain.
- " C. C. Isaacs, R. E. Grand Captain of the Host.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. E. T. Schultz, he reviews thirty-seven Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being among the number fraternally mentioned.

MASSACHUSETTS.

There were three Quarterly, one Special, and one Annual Convocation of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter during the year. The first on March 7th, 1882. The second on June 13th, 1882, The third on September 12th, 1882. The special on November. 10th, 1882. And the Annual on December 12th, 1882.

At each Quarterly Communication all the Grand Officers were present and the regular business of the Grand Chapter was done.

The Special Convocation was called for constituting and consecrating Harmony Royal Arch Chapter and installing its officers.

The Annual Convocation was the eighty-second, and was held in the Masonic Temple, Boston. All the Grand Officers were present, together with the District Deputies and four Past Grand High Priests, seven Past Deputy Grand High Priests, four Past Grand Kings and eight Past Grand Scribes.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Albert C. Smith, delivered his annual address. - He said :

“COMPANIONS:—The Architect of the Universe, who, from His invisible throne in eternity, oversees all the motions of time, permits us once more to meet in annual session and greet each other in the fellowship of this noble institution of Capitular Masonry. Allow me to congratulate you that we assemble under auspices so fair and bright. The present record will fully demonstrate that we have abundant reason

for joy; yet, my Companions, flattering as are the proofs of our outward prosperity, they are, as a ground of felicitation, inferior to that afforded by the pervading love and harmony of the Fraternity; for these show the pure principles on which our Order is founded, and give the strongest assurance of its wisdom and its stability."

He adds:

"Personal inspection and diligent inquiry have demonstrated that the majority of the Chapters were never in better working condition than at the present time. This is due to many reasons, the most important of which is that of late years the truth has gradually dawned upon the Chapters that nowhere in the wide range of Masonry can Degrees more realistic in design or impressive in effect possibly be found. Years ago Capitular Masonry was regarded as a convenient stepping-stone from the Blue Lodge to the Commandery; but that day has passed away, never to return.

"At present the various Chapters take great pride in presenting the Degrees with all the beauty and finish which should ever characterize Masonic work.

"In many cases the valuable auxiliaries of music and paraphernalia are largely introduced with the most pleasing and impressive results.

"I have ever regarded the use of paraphernalia as one of the important requisites for the proper presentation of the work of our several Degrees; and in my visits to the First Capitular District this feature has been very noticeable.

"St Paul's Royal Arch Chapter has possessed itself of a set of robes which, for richness and beauty, I have never seen equalled; and the great success of the present administration of this old and honored institution is no doubt due very largely to the liberality and good judgment of those who believe that it is wise to make a generous expenditure in those directions which most contribute to a graceful and imposing representation of the Degrees of our rite.

"I have always found that the success of every branch of Masonry is dependent upon the same causes which govern the workings of any business enterprise; and, as no mercantile

establishment can look for success unless it places before its patrons the best of merchandise in the most attractive form, so must our Chapters gradually lose their standing and influence unless they come up to the standard of the hour, and are fully alive to the demands of the age.

“The High Priest must see that his work is forcible and correct, and by constant practice and rehearsal infuse a like interest into his associates in office; and every official should endeavor to make the Chapters so attractive that, as the night of meeting draws nigh, the members may all realize that no more agreeable place can possibly be found than within its pleasant walls.

“I would also earnestly urge upon all, the importance of cultivating the social element of this institution. Open wide your doors and make the stranger Mason feel that the lines which divide your Chapters are only imaginary; and by your kind and courteous treatment so impress him with the value of our great Brotherhood that, having once found the way, he may often be seen within your sancturay.

“I have no hesitation in saying that the social Chapter is the successful one. Hospitality should be governed at all times by prudence and discretion; but the small amount expended in order that the members may become well known to each other is certainly productive of more lasting results than a treasury which always opens to receive and seldom to impart.

“Companions, let me congratulate you upon the present outlook of Capitular Masonry in the old Bay State. With a constituency of sixty-nine subordinate bodies, and a membership of nearly ten thousand Royal Arch Masons, with our finances in the best possible condition, with no division in our ranks, no jealousy or discord in our Brotherhood, and with a full tide of prosperity flooding our beloved country, surely we have nothing whereof to complain, but everything for which to be grateful.

“Let every heart, then beat high in common loyalty to our dear old Masonic Order throughout its whole circumference. Let us hope that the opening year may prove even more prosperous and blessed than the closing one. And let us all reverently trust that, as relentless time sweeps us away from

the temporal places that now know us, we shall reappear, and salute each other as brethren beneath that arch of eternity where the Supreme Master himself presides over the boundless assembly of immortals."

The election of Grand Officers resulted as follows :

Albert C. Smith, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Daniel H. Smith, Attleboro', R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.

Howard F. Rowe, Charlestown, R. E. Grand King.

Albert L. Richardson, Boston, R. E. Grand Scribe.

Richard Briggs, Boston, R. E. Grand Treasurer.

Zeph. H. Thomas, Cambridge, R. E. Grand Secretary.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Companion J. W. Dadmun. He reviews forty-one grand jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being among the number fraternally mentioned.

His opening is as follows:

"For the fourteenth year we have been appointed Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. Experience has taught us that there is a great deal of hard work to be done in preparing a correspondence report. It is a 'task attended with difficulty, and *perhaps* danger,' — danger of failure, if nothing more ; but we have been assured 'that our labor shall not go unrewarded.' The very pleasant acquaintance we have formed with the distinguished Companions who have, from time to time, composed the reportorial corps—although many of them we have never seen—is ample reward for the many days and nights we have devoted to this work."

And then follows what the distinguished Companion has to say about the jurisdictions reviewed.

Under the head of Pennsylvania he alludes to the question of non-payment of dues as follows :

“In reply to a question of Comp. Pillans, namely, ‘What ought to be the status of a brother who wilfully violates his obligations to his Lodge and to the Fraternity?’ he says:—

“‘To the above question we reply, that we have never been able to discriminate between the violation of one obligation and that of another. If we make any discrimination, do we not encounter the danger of leaving the old landmarks entirely to the caprice or whim of the members of the Subordinate Body, and if one dereliction of duty is permissible, may not another and another be allowed, until the true principles of the Craft are entirely forgotten, and the whole become a mere myth?’

“His answer is indirect, and really involves another question, which is: Is there any discrimination to be made ‘between the *violation* of one obligation and that of another?’ Violation means infringement and transgression. There is certainly a great difference in the moral turpitude of transgressions, and a marked distinction in the character and extent of obligations. The *motive*, too, gives a qualifying effect to the *violation* of an obligation,—‘knowingly and wilfully.’ One obligation may be violated thoughtlessly; another may be violated for the want of *ability* to keep it,—‘If I can do so without injury to myself or family.’ Common-sense and common law teach us that the *penalty* should be commensurate with the offence.

“We understand Comp. Zane to mean in his answer to Comp. Pillan’s question, that the violator of *any* obligation in Masonry should be punished with the extreme penalty of the law,—‘*off with his head!*’ He can mean nothing less if there can be no ‘discrimination between the violation of one obligation and that of another.’

“In Massachusetts, the *status* of a brother who wilfully neglects to pay his dues, and has been suspended from Lodge membership, is that of a Mason whose *Lodge privileges are in abeyance*. We do not choose to place such a one on the list of suspended or expelled Masons. Before that can be done he must be guilty of some higher offence. We think by a little charitable and brotherly discipline he may be saved to the Fraternity, which is often accomplished thereby.”

MICHIGAN.

The Thirty-Fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the above State was held in the city of Detroit, on Tuesday, January 16th, 1883.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

All the Grand Officers were present, with Representatives from a constitutional number of Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand High Priest, William S. Turk, delivered his Annual address, from which we quote:

“Once more we meet around the sacred altar and return thanks to the great I Am for the privilege of receiving and returning the fraternal greeting. And as we meet to-day, allow me to congratulate you on the continued prosperity of the Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction. The past year has been an uneventful one, and I have to report peace and prosperity within this jurisdiction; and now, at the close of the year, as required, I will make a report of my stewardship.

“During the year I have issued dispensations for the formation of four new Chapters, to a constitutional number of Companions, as follows:

“On the 21st day of March to the Companions of Menominee, to be known as Menominee chapter, No. —; on the 11th day of October to the Companions of Negaunee, to be known as Negaunee Chapter, No. —; on the 21st of November to the Companions of Cheboygan, to be known as Cheboygan Chapter, No. —; and on the 29th day of November to the Companions of Stanton, to be known as Stanton Chapter, No. —. The first two Chapters are situated on the Upper Peninsula, and from the location of said Chapters, and the reputation of the Companions applying for the dispensations, I am satisfied that they will bring up such work as this Grand Chapter will approve. The last Chapters at Stanton and Cheboygan are so

situated that they have plenty of material for the building up of Chapters second to none of the new Chapters in our Jurisdiction, and being personally acquainted with some of the Companions in each Chapter, I am warranted in saying that the work that will be received for inspection from them will be approved. The amount received for the four dispensations has been paid to the Grand Secretary."

The Grand Treasurer presented his annual report which shows an excellent condition of finances. Balance after all debts paid, \$3,209.98.

The following Grand Officers were elected :

- M. E. Comp. George Hill, Portland, Grand High Priest.
- V. E. Comp. Theron F. Giddings, Kalamazoo, Deputy Grand High Priest.
- R. E. Comp. W. Irving Latimer, Big Rapids, Grand King.
- “ Daniel Striker, Hastings, Grand Scribe.
- “ H. Shaw Noble, Monroe, Grand Treasurer.

The report on correspondence reviews the proceedings of thirty-seven grand jurisdictions, Pennsylvania receiving her full share of fraternal criticism and comment.

MINNESOTA.

The twenty-first Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Minnesota, was held in the Masonic Hall, in the city of St. Paul, on Tuesday, October 10th, A. D. 1882.

All the Grand Officers were present, with Representatives from twenty-four Subordinate Chapters.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, O. G. Miller, delivered his Annual Address ; we quote as follows :

“To this, the twenty-first Grand Annual Convocation of Royal Arch Masons, I greet you as Brethren and Companions beloved, who have here assembled to exchange fraternal greetings, to deliberate and consult for the good of Royal Arch Masonry, and review the labors of the past. Another year has passed away, and with it all its joys and sorrows, and our thanks are due to the Great I Am, who has with so bounteous a hand blessed us. I welcome you Companions, as the representatives of three thousand Royal Arch Masons of the Grand Jurisdiction of Minnesota, who here meet upon a common level, representing all professions, from every station in life, and who are bound together with that indissoluble chain of friendship and brotherly love, which can only be severed by the hand of death alone. Let each of us be actuated by the purest of principles, to so legislate for the good of our noble order, that when our work shall be completed and presented for inspection, it may pass the Master Overseer's Square, and upon our return to our constituents receive the hearty welcome—‘well done thou good and faithful servant.’”

The election for Grand Officers resulted as follows :

Comp. Wm. J. Hahn, Lake City, M. E. G. H. P.

“ Edw. E. McDermott, Minneapolis, R. E. D. G. H. P.

“ Blinn Converse, St. James, R. E. G. K.

“ Nathan Kingsley, Chatfield, R. E. G. S.

“ Solon Armstrong, Minneapolis, R. E. G. T.

“ A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul, R. E. G. S.

“ J. P. Pond, St. Paul, E. G. C.

“ Tobias L. Rice, Winnebago City, E. G. C. H.

Dispensations to form new Chapters were issued as follows:

“Jan. 24, 1882. Glencoe Chapter, at Glencoe, McLeod County. Robert S. Miles, H. P., W. W. Pendergast, K., N. S. Harper, S.

“May 10, 1882. Ortonville Chapter, at Ortonville, Big Stone County. Charles E. Brooks, H. P., John M. Callum, K. Marquis R. Jones, S.

"May 25, 1882. Frontier Chapter, at Crookston, Polk County. Thos. C. Shapleigh, H. P., S. F. Markham, K., Robt. Houson, S.

"May 30, 1882. Rabboni Chapter, Litchfield, Meeker County. J. H. Brown, H. P., S. A. Plumley, K., A. D. Ross, S."

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the finances to be in good condition.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. A. T. C. Pierson. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being Fraternally mentioned.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Thirty-Fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Jackson, on February 12th, 1883. All the Grand Officers were present. There were also present, five Past Grand High Priests, two Past Deputy Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King, two Past Grand Scribes, together with sufficient representation from Subordinate Chapters to form a quorum.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, when the Grand High Priest, William Richards, delivered his Annual Address. He says:

"The dial of time, in its ceaseless round, has once more passed the meridian hour, reminding us that it is the time for us to lay aside the convivialities of refreshment and take up the labors incident to the Thirty-Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mississippi.

“ Since last we formed the fraternal chain around our sacred altar and offered up the incense of pure and contrite hearts to the Great I Am, another year has passed into eternity—another leaf of the record book of our lives has been turned. On which side of the ledger stands the balance brought forward? Have we been striving, during the past year, to be better men and better Masons? Have we been trying, with a firm reliance on Divine protection, to live up to the requirements of our beloved institution? Have we, as far as possible, fed the hungry, and clothed the naked? Have we visited the widow and fatherless in their affliction, pouring into their bosoms the wine of consolation and the oil of joy? These are the approved objects of our Order—these the labors of love which should call forth our loftiest energies—which angels will look upon with rapture, and the God of Heaven bless in a rich return of happiness to the bosoms of those engaged therein.”

Hillyer Chapter, No. 113, was constituted during the year.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a good balance.

The election of Grand Officers resulted as follows:

Comp. B. T. Kimbrough, Ashland, Grand High Priest.

“ William French, Vicksburg, Deputy G. H. Priest.

“ S. C. Conly, Conlyville, Grand King.

“ N. W. Bouton, Ashland, Grand Scribe.

“ J. M. Boon, Holly Springs, Grand Chaplain.

“ R. B. Brannin, Aberdeen, Grand Lecturer.

“ A. P. Barry, Martinsville, Grand Treasurer.

“ J. L. Power, Jackson, Grand Secretary.

“ Chas. T. Chamberlain, Natchez, Grand Captain of the Host.

“ Jacob Peebles, Natchez, Grand Tyler.

The Report on Correspondence reviews the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Jurisdictions. It is written by Companion W. G. Paxton, and we deem it a very carefully prepared and able report. Pennsylvania comes in for her share of friendly mention.

MISSOURI.

The Thirty-Sixth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the City of St. Louis on May 3d, 1883. All of the Grand Officers were present. There were also present ten Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of seventy-two Subordinate Chapters. Grand High Priest Erwin Ellis delivered his annual address.

Dispensations for the following Chapters were granted:

"On June 7th, 1882, Platte City Chapter, at Platte City, Mo., Comp. N. B. Anderson, H. P.; Jas. Wallace, King, and E. McD. Coffey, Scribe.

"On July 6th, 1882, Stanberry Chapter, at Stanberry, Mo., Joseph T. McCollough, H. P.; E. Fisher, King, and J. Freeman, Scribe.

"On August 18th, 1882, Shelbina Chapter, at Shelbina, Mo., Samuel Kennerly, H. P.; Geo. A. Jenks, King, and I. D. Nelke, Scribe.

"On August 23d, 1882, Jerusalem Chapter, at Poplar Bluff, Mo., J. R. Higdon, H. P.; G. W. Register, King, and J. P. Ward, Scribe.

"On November 24th, 1882, Milan Chapter, at Milan, Mo., J. A. Niblo, H. P.; James Morris, King, and A. Payne, Scribe.

"On December 6th, 1882, Lamar Chapter, at Lamar, Mo., H. T. Wells, H. P.; Allen Warden, King, and Charles G. Snyder, Scribe.

"On January 11th, 1883, Orient Chapter, at Kansas City, Mo., John McCoy, H. P.; E. W. Hulburd, King, and H. S. Mills, Scribe.

“On February 16th, 1883, Monroe City Chapter, at Monroe City, Mo., A. Wood Terrill, H. P.; W. S. McClintick, King, and R. H. Walker, Scribe.”

The Report of the Grand Treasurer shows a good financial condition.

The Annual election for Grand Officers resulted as follows:

A. M. Dockery, of Gallatin, Grand High Priest.
 C. C. Woods, of Kansas City, Deputy Grand High Priest.
 Lee A. Hall, of St. Louis, Grand King.
 R. F. Stevenson, of Kansas City, Grand Scribe.
 N. M. Givan, of Harrisonville, Grand Treasurer.
 Wm. H. Mayo, of St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. Wm. H. Mayo, and is a departure from the stereotype way of getting up these reports. As to his plan he says as follows:

“Our plan was this: Instead of reviewing each State separately, we would have our Report divided into sub-heads of general interest, giving under each what was said by Grand High Priests and Correspondents on the particular subjects named, thus allowing our readers to get it in condensed shape and enable them to draw their own conclusions, or arrive at a satisfactory opinion for themselves on each subject of general interest.”

Of the several Grand Jurisdictions he says:

“The several Grand Chapters met at the time and place prescribed in their By-Laws, or agreed upon at a previous Grand Convocation. Grand Officers nearly all present; a very large proportion of subordinates represented; many distinguished visitors received and fraternally entertained; many good speeches of welcome and responses by visitors and officials. Grand High Priests’ Annual Addresses, as a rule, are well prepared papers, rendering faithful accounts of their stewardships; many eloquent and touching tributes to the memories of departed Companions; few decisions, but much

good advice and sensible recommendations. Reports on Correspondence, where they appear, nearly all after the old style, compiled principally from choice selections from several States and some gems of comments by able writers. Proceedings consist chiefly of routine business alike common to all Jurisdictions; mostly of local interest. Pamphlets generally well printed, on good, heavy paper; some embellished with elegant head lines and tail pieces. Their arrangement and typographical execution are alike creditable to their popular and efficient Grand Secretaries and extensive printing establishments. One of the most commendable features is the growing practice of adorning the proceedings with splendidly executed steel engravings, artotypes and phototypes of distinguished Companions.

“We hope that each and every reader will, when he reads the above, say and think: ‘Well, now that just fits our Proceedings or our State,’ and take that much to himself anyhow, if he or his State gets no more; because it certainly and honestly is intended for all, and we positively assert that we have never had the pamphlets of twenty-five different State Proceedings of or for one and the same year so nearly alike as those before us.”

As to the striking from the Rolls for N. P. D., he quotes from Comp. Collins, of Colorado, as follows:

“Nearly every Report on Correspondence which we have had occasion to examine, has had a good deal to say on this subject. It seems a great bone of contention among the reporters. As to how it may be done, three different views prevail. Some contend that it being in the nature of a punishment for a Masonic offense, it can only be inflicted after regular summons and due trial, and these writers generally fortify their position by maintaining that the effect of such striking from the roll is to put the Brother or Companion in bad standing, and therefore to deprive him of every Masonic privilege whatever. Others assert that it is a sufficient compliance with the principle that requires that a Brother should have opportunity to be heard before he is condemned, if he is notified of his delinquency and informed that unless he pays by a given time, or shows an excuse for non-payment he will be stricken from the rolls. These argue that the substantial

rights of the Brother are fully preserved by this course, and that to go through the formalities of a regular trial in each case upon charges prepared, would entail a great and needless waste of time and trouble upon the Lodge or Chapter. The third class of reporters (and the practice in some jurisdictions) goes still further and claims that the fact of delinquency must be known to the Brother—and as it is shown by the Lodge or Chapter records, there is a *prima facie* case against him within the cognizance of the Masonic body of which he is a member, and that it is his duty of his own motion and without notification to come up and pay or ask to be excused, and if he fails to do this he can be stricken from the rolls without further ceremony. This doctrine is usually if not always, based on a by-law of the particular Masonic body, authorizing, or perhaps requiring that all who are delinquent for a certain number of years shall be thus stricken off, and the advocates of this theory say that the Brother by assenting to that by-law, has given jurisdiction to the Masonic body to proceed against him in that way. The contest among these various principles is carried on hotly all along the lines, and it is perhaps the *questio vexatissima* in the Fraternity to-day.

“Closely connected with this matter is the question of the effect on the Brother’s Masonic standing of such striking from the rolls. On the one hand it is contended that non-payment of dues where the party is able to pay them, is in the fullest sense a Masonic offense, and that this striking from the rolls is to all intents and purposes a suspension, which carries with it all the usual effects of a suspension in any case, indeed in many jurisdictions it is called suspension, pure and simple. Others argue that in many cases such delinquency may have proceeded from mere inadvertence, perhaps negligence and sometimes from real inability to pay, but coupled with a sense of shame in the Brother as to letting his real position be known, and although this may be called a false modesty by some, yet, nevertheless, it is a genuine sentiment which affects sensitive persons, and especially those who have formerly been in good financial situation, very strongly, and that it is absurd to place such delinquency on the same footing and visit it with the same penalty, as immoral conduct or other recognized Masonic offense which implies moral turpitude. These writers urge that a striking from the rolls for non-payment of dues should only involve deprivation of Lodge or Chapter membership, and leave the Brother in the simple status of an un-

affiliated Mason, but without other stain upon his Masonic character. But this at once opens up another question."

As to the status of unaffiliated masons he quotes from the same author:

"It seems to be conceded that in early times there was no absolute duty resting on a Mason to be a member of some particular Lodge; and in those days, also, there were no dues exacted from the members. Perhaps the expenses of Masonic bodies were not as heavy then as those which we now incur. But in more modern times dues have been found a necessity, and more recently the doctrine has sprung up that a Mason to preserve his standing, must imperatively be an actual member of some Lodge, or if a R. A. Mason, of both Lodge and Chapter; and if he becomes unaffiliated, he at once becomes in bad standing, and is thereby deprived of all the rights and benefits of Masonry, and shut out from the privilege of Masonic intercourse. This doctrine seems to be gaining ground in the Fraternity. In many jurisdictions—perhaps most of them—Chapters may not confer their degrees on any unaffiliated Master Mason, and some go so far as to hold, that if a R. A. Mason, for any cause whatever, losses his affiliation as a Master Mason in his Lodge, that *ipso facto* deprives him of his affiliation in the Chapter, and takes from him all right of fellowship with his Companions. We have not space at our disposal to give all the arguments by which all these conflicting positions are supported or attacked. We content ourselves with briefly stating the questions upon which there is such a wide divergence of opinion. It seems at present as if it were impossible for the Fraternity in the United States to come to an agreement upon them, and thus it often happens that a Mason may be held in good standing in one jurisdiction while he will not be in another. But on this point it seems conceded that his Masonic status ought to be determined everywhere by the rule adopted in the jurisdiction from which he hails. And this leads again to the anomaly that, of two unaffiliated Masons—one from a jurisdiction in which he is regarded in good standing, and the other from one in which he is not—both offering to visit a Lodge in a third jurisdiction where unaffiliated Masons are allowed to visit, one would have to be received and the other excluded. We state these matters to

show what is the nature of the contest now raging among the Reporters on Correspondence and in the Grand Bodies. The reports are full of it, and we earnestly hope that some common ground of agreement may be found upon which we may all harmoniously rest."

He adds in his conclusion, after saying many good things in his general review, the following:

SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

"This subject is unquestionably the most important and the one that has been the most discussed during the past year or two. We have read and quoted, from time to time, some very interesting and elaborately prepared papers on this subject; we have watched with care, and studied with earnestness, the legislation of our own and other jurisdictions on the subject, and after nearly a score of years of Masonic experience and observation, have gradually come to the following conclusion on the same: It is a very great ado about nothing; a great big scare about a very small scarecrow.

"We make the assertion that the Masonic is the oldest and most widely and favorably known of secret societies; therefore many, very many, persons are brought into its portals—a large majority for good and legitimate reasons, but many black sheep get into it through idle curiosity, or are persuaded by over-zealous friends, particularly so in Chapters, Councils and Commanderies. And when their morbid curiosity is satisfied, or they find that they cannot get something for nothing, or have not struck the big bonanza they had falsely expected, and in many instances find the associations are not such as their evil desires seek, they quietly discontinue their attendance, payment of legitimate dues, etc., and are glad to be dropped.

"We further assert that if one will carefully study the rise and fall of a score or more organizations during the past quarter of a century, even those that have an insurance and sick beneficiary attachment, they will find that our aggregate losses, as Masons, sink into insignificance when compared to theirs. Furthermore, we have been going along for more than a century on that broad, charitable plain, so world-widely known to be a Masonic characteristic, taking in nearly all who apply, and through sweet charity's sake, holding on to them, in many jurisdictions, whether they wanted to or not; and it

is only within the past few years that we are awakening to a realization of the fact that we are over-loaded with a huge accumulation of dead timber, and have adopted means of getting rid of it and down to a solid basis of the proper material.

“We lay down the broad and universally accepted proposition that the Masonic Fraternity is a good one; its members enjoy rights and privileges, socially and otherwise, that are not accorded to those without its pales. We assert that no society organization can be maintained without expense, and that the average legitimate expenses of the Masonic Fraternity, the world over, do not compare in magnitude to other organizations, whether social, religious or political, and the benefits derived by the worthy are far greater. Our laws and obligations provide for this expense, as it does for all other matters, that are incumbent upon the good man and Mason. We are all on a broad Masonic level and should equally bear our proportion of the self-assumed burdens. No man goes into the Fraternity without knowing what its laws and obligations are. He voluntarily assumes these and should cheerfully comply or honorably withdraw. He who basely violates any of these, is worthy of no better fate than the penalty that is prescribed. There are grades of offenses and crimes, and there are grades of punishment. We assert most unequivocally and without the fear of successful contradiction, that it is an offense to neglect and refuse to comply with that part of our laws and obligations which require us to pay dues to assist in equally sharing the expense of maintaining a time-honored institution from which we derive benefits and pleasures, socially and otherwise; it is a Masonic offense, and he that is guilty of such an offense deserves Masonic discipline or punishment for withholding that which is justly due, and after proper notice and a reasonable time to appear and show cause in open Lodge or Chapter, which is sufficient trial by his peers in such a case, or for such an offense; and failing to comply, should be suspended from all the rights, privileges, benefits and membership of the Fraternity, as unworthy, until, at least, he does comply. This, we say, is only a reasonable punishment for such an offense.

“We have no patience with that maudlin sentimentality that looks at and attempts to care for one (and generally the wrong) side of this or any other question. Analyze the subject, we

say, examine both sides, and calmly weigh the pros and cons. Where is the Mason that has ever known of a true man and Mason that was behind in his dues to any Masonic body, that came up like a man and stated or wrote the cause of his inability to pay, and if anywhere in the bounds of reason, that a unanimous verdict was not to forgive the indebtedness, and, if necessary, at once vote an appropriation for relief? And where is the Mason that has been a regular attendant for say ten years upon the meetings of his Masonic bodies that has not known scores of members to ask relief and have their dues remitted that were much better able to pay dues than a majority of those who always pay promptly? Scrutinize your list of suspensions for non-payment of dues; look into their private history and daily habits of life; get at the bottom facts; lay aside your sentimentality and just for once consider that the Institution has some rights, some dignity and standing to sustain and hold up to the admiring gaze of millions; some rights that even a member derelict in his duties and obligations should be made to respect.

“No, Comp. Ogden *et al.*, who fear that the Masonic Fraternity will in a few years be depopulated or disintegrated on account of this non-payment of dues law, no fear of it whatever, we are only taking a year or two to weed out the chaff that has been for a quarter of a century growing among the wheat; nine times out of ten we are getting rid of the drones in order that the hive may the better work in harmony and unison. If, unfortunately, a good member now and then, by mistake, gets suspended, there is a very easy and quick way to remedy it, and no one is any the worse off. A good, stringent law does not strike terror to the minds of good men or Masons, but it does to drones and black sheep such as are found in all churches and societies, and it would be strange, indeed, if we did not have a few in the Masonic Fraternity, and the sooner and easier we get rid of such the better.”

NEBRASKA.

This Grand Chapter held its sixteenth Annual Convocation in Masonic Hall, Plattsmouth, on Tuesday, December 19th, 1882. All the Grand Officers present except the Grand High Priest, who was unavoidably detained from Grand Chapter. The Deputy Grand High Priest presided, and Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest, Samuel P. Davidson, was read by the Grand Secretary. The Address reviews matters of local interest.

The election of Grand Officers resulted as follows :

Comp. William H. Munger, 8, Grand High Priest.

“ James A. Tulleys, 19, Deputy Grand High Priest.

“ Henry E. Palmer, 3, Grand King.

“ Oren N. Wheelock, 10, Grand Scribe.

“ John B. Dinsmore, 14, Grand Treasurer.

“ William R. Bowen, 1, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows the financial condition good.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. E. F. Warren from which we quote :

“ In presenting you with our fourth report on correspondence we have to a slight extent followed the plan adopted by Companion Patton, of Oregon, who introduces his review proper with a series of essays upon interesting masonic questions. We have concluded to infringe upon his plan, and present you with our views upon the much discussed question of the *status* of those 'suspended from membership,' and also a few words anent the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. We have deemed it better to present our arguments *together*, instead of scattering them through the report, in answer to our several opponents.

SUSPENSION FROM MEMBERSHIP—ITS EFFECT.

“In discussing the question whether Pennsylvania and Nebraska are right in requiring visiting companions to declare, among other things, that they have not been ‘suspended from membership’ in lodge or chapter for non-payment of dues, our opponents, notably Companions Drummond and Dadmun, complain that we will not recognize the distinction between ‘suspension from membership’ and ‘suspension’ without qualification; and we are informed that for a hundred years and more this distinction has existed in Maine and Massachusetts, and a well established difference in the standing of those thus suspended has long been recognized in those jurisdictions where the practice is in vogue. It is true that some of those who condemn the distinction as vicious, ignore it entirely, and insist that there is and can be no suspension without it is from all the rights of Masonry, and this perverseness makes our eastern *confrères* impatient and disposed to call names.

“As for ourself, we have always recognized that there may be the same difference in practice that there is in theory between the two kinds of suspension. We admit that there is a difference, and that by such distinction it is intended to inflict a greater or less punishment, according to the offense; that non-payment of dues is deemed a trivial matter, and accordingly punished with the lightest of penalties,—that of suspension from membership,—which, according to Drummond and Dadmun, merely unaffiliates him and leaves him in *good standing*. Or, as it is sometimes stated, it leaves him ‘with all his general rights unimpaired,’ but deprived of all lodge rights and privileges. We do not quarrel with their practice, but when they insist that their members who are ‘suspended from membership’ are in good standing, and hence have the right to visit in our chapters, as have all Masons in good standing, we dissent.

“That non-payment of dues is considered a *masonic offense* is now admitted by everyone, both in Maine and elsewhere. The ‘punishment’ therefor can be inflicted only upon the judgment of the lodge after trial. Companion Drummond said, in 1880:

“ ‘Depriving a member of membership makes him an unaffiliated Mason, *except that he cannot join another lodge until he pays his dues to his old one.* It may be that under our laws

non-payment of dues is not a masonic *offense*; still as it INVOLVES A LOSS OF RIGHTS *by the judgment of a lodge*, it comes pretty near being an offense.'

"Those were Companion Drummond's opinions in 1880. Companions Dadmun, Schultz, Robertson and every other reviewer who has discussed the question, has admitted, as of course, that non-payment of dues is a masonic *offense*; not one denies it, or attempts to gainsay it; nor does any of them deny that the infliction of the sentence is a 'punishment' or 'penalty' for the offense. And indeed that is the logical and consistent view to take of it, because there can be no 'punishment' imposed without a violation of the law; no man is *guilty* of an 'offense' unless he is worthy of some punishment.

"To be sure, Drummond, seeing where his former admissions would lead him, and foreseeing complete defeat upon that battle-ground, in 1882 attempts to change his position, and he recants as follows. He says to us:

" 'Now as to the law in Maine in relation to non-payment of dues, as it has stood for over one hundred years. The theory of lodge membership was, that it *was a contract* between the lodge and the member, and nothing more. The payment of dues entitled the party to the privilege of membership in the lodge, and upon his ceasing to pay, the lodge was entitled to deprive him of membership. The law did not hold that the non-performance of a contract was a criminal offense, any more than the civil law does now. For many years the Secretary used to strike the names of *delinquents* from the roll, of his own motion.'

"It is true that the non-performance of a contract is not considered a criminal offense at the civil law, neither at the civil law does it subject a man to a trial in the criminal courts, with the result of a *loss of rights* in case of 'conviction.' Hence that conduct which does result in such a judgment cannot be considered a mere breach of contract. And Companion Drummond will also please note this fact, that we have no *civil* masonic courts wherein *contract* rights are adjudicated, but only *criminal* courts wherein members are arraigned for violations of or neglect of duty, upon conviction whereof the *offender* is *punished*.

“ We have it demonstrated, then, as well as conceded, that non-payment of dues is a masonic *offense*, and that it is *punished* in all jurisdictions with greater or less severity ; in some by a suspension from *membership* in his Lodge, and in others by suspension from all rights of Masonry ; but it is entirely immaterial *what* the punishment is ; we are concerned only by the fact that there is *some* punishment or disability inflicted, and its consequent effect upon his masonic standing.

“ Last year we advanced two postulates, which we insert here again and reaffirm :

“ 1. Every Mason in *good* standing is upon an absolute equality with every other as to the number and extent of his masonic rights.

“ 2. A Mason ‘suspended from membership’ is deprived of one or more of his masonic rights.

“ From which we deduce :

“ 3. Since the whole is greater than any number less than all of the parts, one suspended from membership is not in good standing.

“ These propositions have been assailed by both Companions Dadmun and Drummond. The latter says :

“ ‘ Assuming that the first proposition is correct, we say with equal truth :

“ ‘ 2. An *unaffiliated* Mason is deprived of one or more of his masonic rights.

“ ‘ 3. Hence an unaffiliated Mason is not and *cannot be* in good standing.

“ ‘ But we have already seen that he holds that unaffiliated Masons are in good standing.’

“ And Companion Dadmun writes as follows of the first postulate :

“ ‘ That cannot be true in the light of good masonic law and usage. One Mason may not be a member of any lodge and still be in as good standing as another who is a member, and

yet we all know that they are not on 'an absolute equality as to the number and extent of their masonic rights.' For example: A voluntary non-affiliate in New York and Nebraska is in good standing for twelve months, and in Massachusetts for an indefinite length of time; but in either state he does not have the 'number of his masonic rights' which an affiliated Mason has—understanding him to include lodge rights in masonic rights.'

"Upon the second postulate he argues:

" 'This is also faulty. Which rights? *General* rights acquired by initiation? or *local* rights acquired by affiliation? Suspension or discharge from membership in Massachusetts deprives a Mason of his *lodge* rights only, not one of his *general* rights being taken from him; and he cannot be deprived of all his masonic rights only on conviction of masonic crime. Non-payment of dues is not a masonic crime, according to ancient masonic usage.'

"Both our esteemed contemporaries, in discussing the first postulate, confound masonic *rights* with masonic *privileges*. A wide distinction exists between them. A Mason may deprive himself of the latter; he cannot of the former. He can lose the latter by his own voluntary act, without infringing upon his obligation, without violating any rule, regulation, or by-law of his lodge or of Masonry. He can lose them by non-action, and remain innocent of wrong. But he cannot be deprived of his *rights* without trial and conviction. There must be first a willful refusal to obey the law, a finding by the court that he was able to perform, and the judgment of 'guilty.' As the result of that judgment he is deprived, in spite of himself, of some or all, as the case may be, of his masonic rights. What does the candidate, knocking at the door of the lodge, desire, and what is granted to him? He asks for a part of the *rights, light and benefits* of the lodge—nothing said about privileges; and he can be lawfully deprived of any portion of either only by the judgment of his peers. One suspended from membership, or deprived of or discharged from membership, is curtailed in his enjoyment of both the rights, lights and benefits, if indeed he is not altogether deprived of or suspended therefrom.

"So we reiterate our first postulate; it is impregnable. Be candid and fair, and you will see a much plainer distinction between privileges and rights than there is between suspension from membership and suspension *pur et simple*.

"In commenting upon the second postulate, Companion Dadmun inquires whether we mean that the delinquent is deprived of his '*general*' or '*local*' rights. It is immaterial to us which; *take either* you choose; the fact exists that he *is* deprived of the one or the other, and that is sufficient for us, because, not being on an equality with those who have both local and general rights intact, he is not on an equal standing—not *in good standing*. Companion Dadmun seems to make a distinction, or to raise the distinction, between masonic *crimes* (acts involving moral turpitude) and masonic *misdemeanors* (acts in violation of a by-law or some regulation). This distinction sometimes shades off into the imperceptible. For instance: In Nebraska no man is guilty of grand larceny unless the value of the articles stolen equals or exceeds \$35. It is a felony, and we send one adjudged guilty of that to the 'pen,' while one who commits petit larceny is incarcerated in the county jail; it is a misdemeanor. But what advantage in a *moral* point of view has one who steals goods of the value of \$34.95 over him whose peculations include \$35.05? One is a 'felon,' the other not; but *both are punished*, and *neither is in good standing*.

"Companion Dadmun continues:

"'Having fully defined the *status* of one under discipline, we remark, that in arguing the *effect*, we think it perfectly logical to introduce the collateral bearing of the *propriety* of it; or, if you please, the 'fitness of things.' An *unjust* penalty, we claim, is clearly an unmasonic penalty, and should be discarded.'

"Does he mean *disregarded*? That is dangerous doctrine, and that notion will sometime return to plague the inventor. Upon that point he stands alone. He says every jurisdiction can examine for itself and determine whether the penalty inflicted is unjust; if so, it may be *discarded*. No masonic jurist holds such an opinion except Companion Dadmun; even Drummond is not so radical as that. That is the most start-

ling proposition 'modern' Masonry has propounded. After having assisted us in silencing Companion Robertson, and fairly forcing the Grand Chapter of Canada to abandon its 'heresy,' lo! we find Companion Dadmun asserting it in its most vicious, dangerous and offensive form. Moreover, he is utterly inconsistent; he is 'too too' on that. He declares that we must accept the *status* given the Mason at home unquestioningly, but at the very threshold he declares that he will exercise his right of judgment and review the justness of our sentences, and if we declare the offender guilty, he may declare him innocent of blame; but when they adjudge him guilty, and then proceed to declare him without fault, that we must accept both statements and receive him as in good standing.

"We ground our position upon this proposition: No lodge or Grand Lodge has power to declare any Mason upon whom it has passed sentence of disqualification to be blameless or in good standing.

"To do so would be inconsistent and contradictory; would be both a subversion and perversion of the objects, purposes and results of a masonic trial. But we are disposed to 'let the whales fight it out among themselves,' and so we turn Comp. Dadmun over to Comp. Drummond on this proposition.

"Comp. Drummond says:

"Now we submit to Comp. Warren:

"1. That a Grand Lodge having adopted and practiced this system for so long, no Body of any grade can challenge its masonic right to do so.

"2. That as long as the supreme law of a jurisdiction makes the payment of dues a contract, and nothing more, no offense cognizable as such grows out of their non-payment, because the breach of a contract is not a masonic offense.

"3. That the rescission of a contract by the lodge for the non-performance of it by the member still leaves him in good standing as an unaffiliated mason.'

“To the first we dissent *in toto*. If a Grand Lodge has been guilty of enunciating an (logically) inconceivable proposition, no length of time can make it consistent or entitled to our assent. No Mason deprived of any of his rights or privileges against his will, or as punishment for infraction or neglect of duty, is or can be in good standing so long as the judgment stands in force. The bare statement of this proposition carries conviction of its truth. They, of course, can treat such members, as long as they remain at home, as they choose, and accord them whatever rights and privileges they please, and we will not quarrel with them; *that* is none of our business; but when they undertake to send them out here, and declare them entitled to more rights than our own members have, we dissent. They even insist that we shall accord them *more* rights than they have at home, for with us every Mason in *good standing* is in possession of every right; is curtailed in none; while in Maine he, when thus suspended, no membership rights, nor power to acquire any.

“As for his second statement, it is idle to discuss it. We cite Companion Drummond in 1880 and 1881 as *authority* in this instance, against the proposition he now advances. He cannot inspire us with respect for a position now assumed for the first time, that is in direct opposition to that occupied one and two years; nor have we any assurance that Companion Drummond will not incontinently abandon his present ground another year, when he discovers that he was right then and is wrong now.

“It may not be amiss to inquire of Companion Drummond the meaning of another term used by the Grand Lodge of Maine in its treatment of members. We find in their report for 1881 the following items: Suspended, 1; suspended from membership, 215; deprived of membership, 83.

“What is ‘deprived of membership?’ Is one *deprived* of membership not *suspended* therefrom? or, at least, is not one thus *suspended* deprived of his membership? And are such brethren under masonic discipline of any kind, however mild? Are they so suspended or deprived of their membership because of dereliction on their part, or as a *punishment* for any act of omission or commission. Or is it a state of reward bestowed upon certain brethren for meritorious conduct, whereby their burdens are lightened, while their masonic rights remain intact. Is this worth explaining?

"Commenting last year upon a decision of Companion Grantham, of West Virginia, to the effect that a non-affiliated Mason is not in good standing, we said:

"It is behind the injustice of some such decisions as this that Companion Drummond stands when he denounces what he calls 'modern Masonry.' He points to such decisions to distract attention from the inconsistency of his position on 'qualified suspension.' Companion Grantham says: An unaffiliated Mason is not in good standing. Companion Drummond declares: A Mason suspended from membership is merely non-affiliated; and he denounces forcibly and justly the position that to be a non-affiliate is to be *per se* in bad standing. Companion Drummond always evades the point we have made, to wit: that to be 'suspended from membership' is *to be under discipline*; that to be under discipline is *to be in bad standing*. Companion Drummond's position compels him to declare that to be under masonic discipline, *i. e.* some kinds of discipline, is not necessarily to be in bad standing, and it is thereon that we differ.'

"And we once again desire to call our learned adversaries' attention to the above, and invite a refutation of its argument.

"Companion Schultz takes still another position. It will be found that no two defenders of the heresy can agree. *He* says, referring to the question of masonic *rights*:

"We do not admit that a non-affiliate is denied 'visitation and intercourse,' nor do we admit that a non-affiliate is denied the right of asking for assistance. He may not have the legal right, perhaps, to *demand* charity from the lodge or chapter funds, but he has just as much claim for assistance upon the individual brethren as the affiliate. He may not have the right to *demand* masonic burial, but the brethren can and do bury *worthy* non-affiliates with the honors of Masonry, and which they would not do to one suspended or expelled for unmasonic conduct. These are some of the rights and privileges of the non-affiliate, and which, in our opinion, cannot be taken from him, any regulation of Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter to the contrary. And why? because the ancient regulations do not insist that membership in a particular lodge is *necessary* to good standing in the fraternity.'

"The above will hardly hold water. If the member who is 'suspended from membership' (and of that kind of a non-affiliate *only* we are speaking—one whose non-affiliation is *forced*) has the *right* to ask for assistance and demand masonic

burial, neither can be lawfully denied him; but Companion Schultz admits he has no right to *demand* either, and we say that a Mason has no stronger or greater claim 'upon the individual brother' for charity than he has upon the lodge *as a lodge*; and if no obligation rests upon the one, none will upon the other. Companion Schultz must qualify the assertion last quoted, because Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters *do* deprive members of *all* masonic rights, and when such judgment is pronounced, our excellent companion cannot go behind the returns to ask *why* was such a penalty inflicted for such an offense.

"Unless this 'suspension from membership' is a *fraud*, a delusion and a snare, it is intended to be and is a punishment inflicted upon one adjudged guilty of infraction of duty. All our discussion shows this; Drummond, Dadmun and every one else concede this to be so. Then why multiply words and arguments to prove that one undergoing punishment is not, cannot from the nature of the case be, in good standing; that, not being in good standing, it is not only our privilege but our duty to exclude him from our convocations.

"But we do not say to Maine and Massachusetts, who have been groping in darkness for more than a hundred years,—from the building of the second temple until now,—that unless they reform their practice, and punish in fact as they declare in theory, we will sever masonic intercourse. We leave them the right of personal judgment. Nor do we call their practice 'unmasonic,' 'unfraternal' or 'illegal,' as they characterized ours. We do not ask them to coddle or sympathize with our stray sheep or our outcasts. We do not ask them, still less, *to fellowship with those whom we have thrust out as unworthy*.

"Last winter we had a little correspondence with Companion Dadmun on this subject, and we think this article cannot perhaps be closed more fittingly than by giving the greater part of it. This is done with Companion D's consent, of course.

"Under date of January 9, 1882, he wrote :

" ' You claim not to be an advocate of *modern* Masonry, and I fully believe you think so, but you are nevertheless one of the 'moderns' in relation to the subject on which we disagree.

" ' In stating your postulates you have actually begged the question in debate. I will not now state wherein further than to give you a few general *facts* bearing on the *status* of a Mason suspended or discharged from membership for non-payment of dues in Massachusetts.

“ ‘Masonry was first planted in New England as early as 1733. The records of St. John’s Lodge, of Boston, extend back to that date: St. Andrew’s Lodge to 1756; and Massachusetts Lodge to 1770. The history of St. Andrew’s Chapter, then called ‘Royal Arch Lodge,’ runs back to 1769. So much for our antiquity.

“ ‘In the early days of Masonry *compulsory membership and compulsory dues* were not known. If a member of a lodge failed to pay ‘quarterages’ he ‘ceased being a member’—quoting from old by-laws—and could return at any time with or without paying arrearages, by vote of the lodge. Suspension of *any* kind was never inflicted for non-payment of dues. The records show that Masons were suspended for ‘unmasonic conduct,’ but in no case was non-payment of dues classed as ‘unmasonic conduct,’ and it never has been so classed from that day to the present.

“ ‘Lodge privileges are *local*, for which he must pay as he goes along, if required, and when he ceases to pay he ceases to be a member, without sacrificing anything but his local lodge privileges; that leaves him simply a non-affiliated Mason.

“ ‘After the independence of our Grand Lodge (1777) the laws were formulated, and the terms adopted touching the question were ‘discharged,’ or ‘suspended from membership for non-payment of dues,’ defining the *status* of one thus discharged or suspended to be that of an ‘unaffiliated Mason,’ *with all his general rights* unimpaired. (See Digest of Masonic Law.)

“ ‘Deprivation of membership in the lodge is the only *forfeiture* ever recognized in this jurisdiction for non-payment of dues. You may say it is a *penalty*, after all. Very well, if you mean thereby *forfeiture* of lodge privileges. On the same ground, suspension from office is a penalty, and suspension of a charter is a penalty, but in neither case does it suspend the offenders from the rights of Masonry in Massachusetts. However, we do not intend to argue the question, but to give you an idea of the *status* of a member suspended or discharged from membership.

“ ‘Our present rules make it more difficult for a discharged member to return than formerly. Such an one *cannot join another lodge* until he has paid arrearages in the lodge of which he was a member, and then only on petition and unanimous ballot.

“ ‘Now, in order to discuss the law and usage of Massachusetts and Maine intelligently and satisfactorially, our companions must recognize these *facts*: that there is and always

has been a clear and well defined distinction between masonic rights and lodge rights ; between suspension from membership and suspension from masonic rights ; that primarily masonic rights are derived from initiation, and lodge rights from affiliation ; that the member is deprived of the *latter only* by ceasing to pay dues. On that basis, and on that only, can we reason intelligently on our law and usage. A Mason might just as well undertake to argue that there is no such state as Massachusetts, or that the Pilgrims never landed at Plymouth Rock, as to argue and reiterate that there is but one kind of suspension in Masonry, or that suspension from membership is no suspension ; that suspension is suspension from 'masonic rights,' and not lodge rights acquired by affiliation merely. You must readily see that our grace of patience must be severely tried when we are repeatedly told that what has passed into the history of more than a century *does not exist and never did exist.*

"To which we made answer as follows :

" 'Your kind favor received : thanks for its clearness and for the pains you have taken to give me light upon the pending disagreement between the ancients and moderns,—and by the way, are you sure that, by your own practice, you have not abandoned the 'ancient' ground and planted yourself upon that of the 'moderns,' at least so far as to estop you from denying the conclusions claimed to flow from the law of your jurisdiction, as *now* interpreted and administered ? I'll explain myself shortly. I think I understand the distinction you make between suspension from the rights of Masonry and suspension from lodge rights, but granting that the law and practice are as you state them it does not follow that I am wrong in my claims, even upon the *status* as given such members in Massachusetts. Formerly, it would seem, one who declined to pay his dues was without further action discharged or suspended from his membership rights ; he reinstated himself at will ; *perhaps* under that practice he would have claimed to be in *good standing*, though I doubt a little. But under the present practice no such claim can be logically set up, because he is discharged or suspended from membership—in Maine at least—only after trial and conviction ; the suspension is the sentence pronounced upon the conviction. Even with you this *now* leaves the brother under a *disability* : he must petition for reinstatement ; he cannot travel at home and visit

other lodges ; their members are released from their obligation to relieve him. Drummond calls it a *penalty* affixed to his refusal to conform to the by-laws of his lodge. Hence I say you have advanced and stand upon *modern ground* ; you recognize the duty to pay dues, and you coerce the brother into paying them under threat of depriving him of *one* or more of his rights ; *e. g.*, the right of unrestricted masonic intercourse and visitation. Now my whole argument is based upon one ground ; the strength of my position, if it has any, is in this : that when, under the practice as it *now* obtains in Maine and Massachusetts, one has been suspended from membership, he is *under discipline*, hence not in good standing ; there is a stain, a disability,—however slight, there is some,—and hence he is *not* upon an exact equality with those who do pay their dues and retain their membership. This you *must* admit, or be forced into the position of sustaining a farce ; of attempting to frighten the brother with a shadow ; of threatening a disability where no intention exists to impose one, a veritable *brutum fulmen*. So long as no action is taken by the lodge looking to enforce his promise to pay dues he is *clear*—we do not exclude him ; once shut out at home we close our doors too. Why, Brother Dadmun, what can be clearer than what I have said above, to wit, that one thus suspended or discharged is *not* on an exact equality with those not thus proceeded against ? That's the whole business. If there *is*, in practice, with you, such equality, then your lodges are guilty of misrepresentation in leading your own members, and those abroad, to believe you have discriminated against the delinquent.

“ You say my postulates beg the whole question ; it seems to me not. The first is in fact an *axiom* ; it requires no demonstration to show its truth. The second you may dispute, perhaps, for a moment, but it is susceptible of the clearest demonstration ; indeed, you concede it, because he *is* deprived of the right to acquire membership *anywhere* until he pays his arrearages. You say that formerly he could go anywhere he chose without paying up, and under that rule I would probably concede all you claim, that he was under no disability and consequently in good standing, but you have so *modernized* in your legislation as to change that and put him under an actual disability. You cannot draw illustration from suspension from office ; one is official, the other personal.

“ ‘It seems to me that our position is so clearly right as to admit of no argument when the case is once stated. If *punished* at all, in the slightest degree, his standing is impaired during its continuance; that he *is* punished both you and Drummond admit; then how can you reprove us for excluding from our meetings those who are tainted at home, no matter how slightly.

“ ‘Hence it is immaterial whether or not there is more than one kind of suspension; whether there is or should be a distinction between suspension from masonic rights and suspension from lodge rights. For the sake of the argument I will concede all that you claim thereon; nay, I will go further, and say that I believe your method of punishment is better than ours, more just, comes nearer doing justice between the lodge and the delinquent, and is not open to the objection of being *harsh*. But all that is not to the point, and you were ‘away off’ when you stated the question to be, ‘What is the proper penalty?’

“ ‘I am surprised that the question has never arisen before; it perhaps would not now, had not Pennsylvania drawn a line against those qualifiedly suspended, but I think their action strictly right—exactly just to their own members and no injustice to yours.

“ ‘Believe me when I say that I have nowhere seen any answer to my position. Am I so blind that I cannot discriminate? I will, for argument’s sake, at least, concede all you claim as to your laws and their *present* working and effect, and still it leaves my present position untouched. *You* are insisting that you shall be allowed to punish non-payment of dues with a less penalty than suspension from the rights of Masonry. *I concede it*, don’t gainsay it. *I* am insisting that *any* penalty imposed leaves the member under discipline, and not in good standing, and to this you say *not a word*. Meet me on the higher plane. Concede, as you ultimately must, that I am right, and then I’ll help establish a less harsh penalty than the one now in force here upon such venial delinquents.’

“ ‘In closing our discussion of this question we desire our *confrères* at home and abroad, when considering what Companions Dadmun, Drummond and ourself have written, to remember the language of Cicero: *Non enim tam auctoritatis in disputando, quam rationis momenta quærenda sunt.*”

· Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter held its sixty-fourth annual convocation at Masonic Temple, in the City of Concord, on Tuesday, May 16th, 1882; most of the Grand Officers being present, with five M. E. P. G. H. Priests, a number of P. H. Priests, and fourteen representatives of other grand jurisdictions.

A constitutional number of subordinate Chapters represented.

The M. E. G. H. Priest, Albert S. Wait, delivered his annual address, all of which is of local interest.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

Charles N. Towle, Concord, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Alpheus W. Baker, Lebanon, E. Deputy Grand High Priest.

John Francis Webster, Concord, E. Grand King.

John H. Clark, Nashua, E. Grand Scribe.

Joseph W. Hildreth, Manchester, E. Grand Treasurer.

The report on finance shows a good balance.

The report on Chapters shows the number of companions in the State to be 2,279.

The report on correspondence is from Comp. John J. Bell, Chairman of Committee.

He reviews thirty-eight grand jurisdictions; Pennsylvania being among the number fraternally mentioned.

This Grand Chapter held its sixty-fifth Annual Convocation in the city of Concord, on Tuesday, May 15th, 1883. Most of the Grand Officers were present. A number of Past Grand Officers, Past High Priests, and Representatives of other Grand Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, when the Grand High Priest, Charles N. Towle delivered his annual address. He says:—

“In obedience to the Constitution and General Regulations we are again assembled in grand convocation, to take council together, and legislate for the good and future prosperity of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction.

“Another year has passed since we last assembled within these peaceful walls, dedicated to Masonry, Virtue, and Universal benevolence—a year of continued prosperity to our beloved and time-honored institution; and I congratulate you, companions, on the favorable condition which Royal Arch Masonry at this time exhibits throughout this jurisdiction.

“The finances of this Grand Chapter are in a sound and healthy condition, and the several Chapters in the state are doing an average amount of work, there being an increase of sixty-nine in the aggregate number of members in the jurisdiction.

“No death has occurred among the life members of this Grand Chapter for the past year, and for this continuance of the protecting care and favor of a Divine Providence our hearts should respond with gratitude and thankfulness.”

The report on finance shows a healthy condition of affairs.

The election of Grand Officers resulted as follows;—

Charles N. Towle, Concord, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Alpheus W. Baker, Lebanon, E. Deputy Grand High Priest.

John Francis Webster, Concord, E. Grand King.

Andrew Bunton, Manchester, E. Grand Scribe.

Joseph W. Hildreth, Manchester, E. Grand Treasurer.

George P. Cleaves, Concord, E. Grand Secretary.

Joseph Kidder, Manchester, E. Grand Chaplain.

John C. Neal, Franklin Falls, E. Grand Captain of the Host.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Companion Albert S. Wait. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-three grand jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being among the number fraternally mentioned.

NEW YORK.

The eighty-sixth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at the City of Albany, on February 6th, 1883 ; all the Grand Officers were present, together with nine Past Grand High Priests, one deputy Past Grand High Priest, and the Representatives of one hundred and eighty-seven Subordinate Chapters. The Grand Chapter having been opened in ample form, the Grand High Priest delivered his annual address.

We quote his opening :—

“ The sound of the gavel which announced to you that our impressive opening ceremonies were completed, has fallen upon your ears, and the Eighty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York is now fairly opened; its pleasures are before you, its responsibilities rest upon you, the shaping of its proceedings is in your hands, and the record that it shall make whether for good or ill you are to determine.

“ As I have looked around year by year at our annual convocations and noted the number of new faces that each time met my eye, I have often thought of what an army of men have been members for a greater or less time of our Grand Chapter during its existence of almost a century, and how freely they have all given of their time and talent, to bring it to its present proud position.

“ When the mighty struggle which gave our country birth and endowed us with the liberty we to-day enjoy had barely closed; and at the very time when our ancestors were engaged in the work of designing and putting into operation the system of free government which is our delight and the admiration of the world, even then they found time, out of their great love for our institution, to organize our Grand Chapter and in each year to meet to protect its interests and promote its prosperity, when such gathering involved a sacrifice of personal interests of which we, in these times, can have but a faint idea; and so down through all the succeeding years, whether in prosperity or adversity, in good or in evil report, strong hands encouraged by willing hearts have always been

found to carry forward and upward the banner of 'Holiness to the Lord,' and to make the growth and standing of this Grand Chapter worthy of the great commonwealth in which its jurisdiction lies.

"We of this day and age are apt to pride ourselves on the growth of intelligence and the advance of science in our era, and on the marvelous inventions with which men are constantly surprising and benefiting their fellow men, but despite all these things I warn you, M. E. Companions, here at the beginning of your labors, that you have no light task before you to present as good and true work, and to furnish as shapely and durable material for the continued building up of this Grand Chapter as has been furnished in the past; and that intelligence and science will prove but broken reeds if you do not lean on the same all-powerful arm and look for guidance to the same source whence came the strength and wisdom which enabled those who have gone before us to secure to their successors such lasting and beneficial results. Committing ourselves, therefore, to the care and guidance of God, whose blessing we have just so solemnly invoked at our sacred altar, let us turn our thoughts to the careful consideration of those matters which, in the interest of the Royal Craft, demand our attention at this time.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

"From all the information I have been able to obtain, I gather that no material change has taken place in the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this State during the past year, but that the year has been a fairly prosperous one and the general condition of affairs slightly improved.

"The year has been quiet and uneventful, but our Chapters have generally done more work than last year, and are looking forward to still greater improvement in the year now opening before us.

"No difficulty between Chapters in any part of our jurisdiction has been brought to my notice, and harmony prevails, with the exception of a slight ripple on the surface to which your attention will be called presently.

"With these few words, by way of preface, I will proceed at once to inform you, as well as I am able, what I have done as your representative since last we were gathered in these

halls in annual convocation. But first, before we are absorbed in business, I crave your attention for a few moments, while I recall to your kind remembrance those illustrious companions who, during the year just closed, have passed through the veil, and of whom the memory is all that is now left us."

Oneonta Chapter, No. 277, was constituted on February 27th, 1883.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the finances to be in most excellent condition.

The following Grand Officers were elected :—

- M. E. James D. Pollard, Seneca Falls, Grand High Priest.
- " James E. Morrison, New York, Deputy Grand High Priest
- R. E. Rich. H. Huntington, Adams, Grand King.
- " Richard H. Parker, Syracuse, Grand Scribe.
- " John S. Dickerman, Albany, Grand Treasurer.
- " Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, Grand Treasurer.
- " Rev. James B. Murray, Hamilton, Grand Chaplain.

The report on Correspondence was presented by Companion Darius A. Ogden. He reviews, with his usual ability, forty-two grand jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being among the number.

NEVADA.

The Ninth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Nevada was held at Masonic Hall, in the City of Virginia, on Monday, June 12th, 1882; all the Grand Officers were present, together with two Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand Treasurer, and a number of Past High Priests and Representatives from all the constituent Chapters.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Frank Bell, presented his annual address; as to the condition of Capitular Masonry in the State. He says:—

“No discord or contentions have arisen among the Craft. No grievances have been presented. Peace and harmony prevail, not only at home, but with all jurisdictions with which we are in correspondence.

“This year, like the last, has been one of great depression in business matters throughout the jurisdiction, yet the condition of the Royal Craft has been prosperous. We have lost many members by removal, but new material coming in has kept up our roll in numbers.”

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a good financial condition.

The Election of Grand Officers resulted as follows:—

The M. E. William Timson, of Hamilton, Grand High Priest.

“ R. E. Robert H. Elam, Pioche, Deputy Grand High Priest.

“ R. E. Adolphus L. Fitzgerald, Eureka, Grand King.

“ R. E. Joseph E. McDonald, Virginia, Grand Scribe.

“ R. E. Horatio S. Mason, Carson, Grand Treasurer.

“ R. E. John D. Hammond, Carson, Grand Secretary.

By order of the Grand Chapter the Report on Correspondence was not printed in the proceedings.

NEVADA, 1883.

The Tenth Annual Convocation was held in the City of Virginia, on June 11th, 1883; the M. E. Grand High Priest, and D. G. High Priest were not present; the other Grand Officers being present; together with three P. G. High Priests, one P. D. Grand High Priest, and one P. G. Treasurer.

The Grand King acted as Grand High Priest. A quorum of the Constituent Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The Grand Secretary stated that from recent advices the M. E. Grand High Priest, William Timson, was still very low, suffering from paralysis, that he was able only to be moved about a little by his friends, and that possibly he would never be any better.

R. E. A. L. Fitzgerald, Grand King and acting Grand High Priest expressed his sympathy with the M. E. Grand High Priest in his affliction, and said that quite unexpectedly the Grand King had been called to preside over this Grand Convocation.

He had nothing of importance to present in the way of advice or Legislation; indeed, as far as he was aware, Royal Arch Masonry was never more prosperous in the State of Nevada than at the present time. Our peculiar tenets were being thoroughly taught and generally understood. He congratulated the assembled Companions upon the outlook, and said that with their kind consent the business of the Annual Convocation would now be taken up for consideration.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a good condition of the finances.

A Charter was granted to Humboldt Chapter, No. 9.

The election of Grand Officers resulted as follows:—

M. E. Chauncey N. Noteware, Carson, Grand High Priest.

R. E. A. L. Fitzgerald, Eureka, Deputy Grand High Priest.

R. E. Thomas A. Menary, Gold Hill, Grand King.

R. E. William Sutherland, Virginia, Grand Scribe.

R. E. Horatio S. Mason, Carson, Grand Treasurer,

R. E. John D. Hammond, Carson, Grand Secretary.

E. George H. Fogg, Reno, Grand Captain of the Host.

E. Peter G. King, Gold Hill, Grand Royal Arch Capt'n.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Companion John D. Hammond, for the Committee. He reviews the proceedings of Forty-two grand jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being fraternally noticed.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the City of Raleigh, on Tuesday, May 15, 1883.

The Grand High Priest, James Southgate, delivered his Annual Address. We quote as follows:—

“As a people we have much for which to be grateful. The earth has bountifully yielded her increase, whereby the husbandman has been made glad, and all professions and callings have felt the effects of general prosperity. Would that we could chronicle the same happy results of the past year for our Grand Body!

“ But, Companions, gloomy as the prospect is, we are somewhat advanced beyond the point at which we were at the close of the last Masonic year. The outlook is more hopeful. Our list of subordinates has been increased by one new Chapter; some of the old have been renewed and are now in good working condition, and yet others which had apparently become weary of life—almost ready to give up the ghost, have been refreshed and are now treading the old paths with seeming vigor, redoubling their energies, determined to bear their part in ‘rebuilding the House of the Lord.’ Let us, then, take courage and press forward, for we have the assurance that ‘in due season we shall reap if we faint not.’ Rough and rugged may be the way, obstacles may impede our progress, dangers seen and unseen may threaten, hunger and thirst may bring even death before our eyes, but if faithful, we shall soon ‘arrive in sight of the ruined walls of Jerusalem and the glittering tents of our brethren.’ We do look for a bright future for our Royal Craft in this State, and God grant the day dawn may soon be upon us and the sun of prosperity arise to gladden our hearts.”

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows the financial condition to be weak.

The Grand Officers elect are as follows :—

Eugene Grissom, Grand High Priest.
 George W. Blount, Deputy Grand High Priest.
 Isaac Patterson, Grand King.
 James C. Munds, Grand Scribe.
 William Simpson, Grand Treasurer.
 Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary.
 George W. Dame, Grand Chaplain.
 John H. Carter, Grand Captain of the Host.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Comp. J. I. Macks, Chairman of Committee. He reviews the proceedings of forty-one grand jurisdictions. He says :—

“ We have the honor to present herewith a brief review of the proceedings of the several Grand Bodies with whom the Grand Chapter of North Carolina is in fraternal correspondence. We deem it due to ourselves to state that this is the First or Entered Apprentice degree in this line of occupation, and therefore any shortcomings must be ascribed to our inexperience. In order to escape the *bruises* generally inflicted upon those who presume to act as critics, we have purposely refrained from antagonizing those of our Companions who are adepts in the art, and have contented ourselves with reading carefully the various proceedings and jotted down, here and there, the most interesting and salient items, in order to acquaint the Companions of our jurisdiction with the condition of the Royal Craft in sister jurisdictions.”

“ Concerning suspension for non-payment of dues and the status of those who have been stricken from the roll, we are of the opinion that it should work a deprivation of all rights, benefits and privileges.”

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed for 1881 and 1882.

No report having been presented last year, the Chairman reviewed most of the jurisdictions for two years and some for three years—a double work on our worthy Companion, who concludes as follows:—

“ We have concluded the work assigned us ; whether it will bear inspection it is not for us to say. Yet we cannot close without expressing the gratification we felt on having the opportunity of becoming acquainted with so many learned and respected Companions through similar, although we candidly confess, much better work. The task has been laborious, and many nights have been spent in the preparation of this report, yet we have no regrets, and only trust that we shall receive your approbation and endorsement. While we have just become acquainted with our Companions of the quill, yet almost in the same breath we must say an affectionate and fraternal ‘adieu,’ for our business engagements are of such a nature as to prevent us meeting again.”

OREGON.

The twenty-third Annual Convocation of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter was held in the City of Portland, on June 8th and 9th, 1883; the Grand Officers mostly present.

There were also present four Past Grand High Priests; three Past Deputy Grand High Priests, and one Past Grand Secretary. Nine Grand Representatives, representing eighteen foreign Grand Jurisdictions, and a majority of the subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, James F. Robinson, delivered his annual address. He says:—

“It affords me pleasure to welcome and bid you a fraternal greeting to this our annual convocation.

“The past year has been to the royal craft of this grand jurisdiction one of uninterrupted ‘peace and harmony.’ To my knowledge there has been no dissention among the workmen; but, on the contrary, the condition of our order is such as to warrant a belief in its continued prosperity.”

Grand Ronde Valley Chapter was constituted during the year, located at Union, Union County.

The Grand Treasurer’s Report shows the finances to be in excellent condition.

Companion T. McF. Patton presented the report on Correspondence.

The following were elected Grand Officers:—

M. E. Comp. Jas. F. Robinson, was re-elected Grand High Priest.

M. E. Comp. F. N. Shurtleff, was re-elected Deputy Grand High Priest.

Comp. Wallace Baldwin was elected Grand King.

“ Jas. K. Weatherford was elected Grand Scribe.

“ R. P. Earhart was re-elected Grand Secretary.

“ Chris. Taylor was re-elected Grand Treasurer.

The Report on Correspondence reviews the proceedings of thirty-two grand jurisdictions, Pennsylvania not among the number, because, for some reason unknown to us, our proceedings were not received. We regret this as much as our Companions.

We quote a portion of our Companions' report, entitled:—

A FEW WORDS ON AN “ OLD QUESTION.”

“In the discussion which has prevailed during the past few years on the question of suspension from membership for non-payment of dues, much has been said in regard to the system of dues generally. It is claimed that in ‘Ancient Masonry’—the Masonry of our fathers—that such things as ‘*lodge dues*’ were entirely unknown, and that they are of modern origin and have no place in the original plan of Masonry. Admit all this to be literally true, what does it signify? If the Masons of to-day met in the same places which it is claimed our ancient brethren did, on ‘the high hills and low vales,’ and had no greater demands upon our purse than did they we could well afford to practice ‘Ancient Masonry’ in this respect, even in these degenerate days. We might as well argue that because Solomon, king of Israel, our first most excellent grand master, enjoyed the society of ‘seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines,’ that every Mason of modern times should be required to maintain and support an equal number; or, we might with equal propriety, argue, and even insist, that because John the Baptist, one of the patron saints of Masonry, lived on locust and wild honey, and preached ‘the kingdom of heaven at hand’ to the benighted denizens of the wilderness of Judea, clothed in a single raiment of camel’s hair and a leathern girdle about his loins, therefore it is right and proper that our reverend companions, John W. Dadmun, Lansing Burrows, F. A. Blades, H. A. M. Henderson and others, should preach the glad tidings of the gospel of peace to their fellow men under the same condition.

“Thirty-five years ago; as a school boy in western Ohio, we attended school in a little log house, and sat on the soft side of a slab and read from the old English reader. To-day our children attend school in a house supplied with all the modern appliances, in a country three thousand miles away from the scenes of former days, and, like the ‘lodge dues,’ of ancient times, was a country entirely unknown.

“Thirty years ago we petitioned for and received the degrees Masonry in Salem Lodge, No. 4, of the city of Salem. The lodge room of that day was a low, dingy, poorly ventilated hall in an attic, carpeted with a saw-dust carpet, containing a rudely constructed altar and jewels plain and neat, but not gaudy, manufactured from the best of tin.

“In later years these plain equipments have given way to ‘a new order of things.’ In lieu of the low, dingy and poorly ventilated lodge rooms, we now have spacious halls, with ample room—some have frescoed walls; pleasing and attractive to the eye, with an elevator to transport those attending to the very door of the lodge room.

“Well, you ask, what has all this to do with the question of lodge dues? We say in reply, merely to remind you that we live in a progressive age. Doubtless some of you have heard at some period of your Masonic career, that, ‘Masonry is a progressive science.’ When our companions go back to the antedeluvian times to speak of the customs and usages then existing, they should remember that they are living in the nineteenth century, and what they say on the question of lodge dues is a mere matter of history. It is sheer nonsense to even refer to the fact with any hope or expectation of having those good old times ‘restored,’ when *all* the privileges of Masonry can be enjoyed and ‘*never pay a cent.*’

“This is what we might call *Free* Masonry in the abstract, and is enjoyed to a considerable extent in those jurisdictions who claim, and even insist, that suspension from membership is not *the* suspension covered by the covenant.

“This kind of *Free* Masonry would be quite popular if it could be established and successfully maintained. But final results would prove disastrous. The old hardshell who assured his brethren that he had been walking in the straight and narrow path ‘*nigh on to forty years,*’ and that his religion had never cost him a cent, failed to realize the fact that, while he was enjoying *free* religion, somebody else built the churches and paid the preacher. There is not a grand lodge or grand

chapter constitution in existence which does not recognize monetary matters as necessary, and consequently provides funds for the payment of bills by means of fees or dues from their subordinates. Such provision is absolutely essential to their existence. In fact, these fees and dues are considered of so much importance, that the charter of every subordinate body is liable to forfeiture, in case of default in payment, and yet we hear it sounded from high places: '*we do not believe that the chief duty of a Mason is to pay dues.*' Well, it may not be *the* chief duty to *pay* dues, but we know of our own personal observation, as well as legal information from creditable sources, that it is *the chief business* of many Masons to pocket all the dues paid in, for 'mileage and per diem.' Oh, no, there should be no money consideration connected with Masonry! For one, we have no desire to be again reminded that in 'ancient times *lodge dues* were unknown.'

"It is an old song—and is literally worn out—and we might as well accept *the fact*, that in these days we worship God in churches costing from ten to forty thousand dollars; we sit in cushioned pews, and listen to the deep-toned organ as it sends forth its melody, accompanied with anthems of praise. We listen to the 'word of life' expounded by one whose salary ranges according to locality and ability, from fifteen hundred to five, and even ten thousand dollars per annum; and yet religion is *free*, just as *free* as when Simon Peter, and Andrew, his brother, forsook their nets on the shores of Galilee, and followed the MASTER. It costs money to preach even a *free* gospel. It costs money to accomplish any good or charitable act, either through organized bodies or individual efforts. If a *free* religion and a *free* gospel are preached to a sinful world, at such an outlay to somebody, can we expect that *Free* Masonry, which is said to be the handmaid of religion, will prosper and maintain her former prestige, when hampered and fettered with this constant taunt that our present system of maintaining the order is not in accordance with that of 'ancient' times? Away with such nonsense!

"Let us change our tune and sing a new song entitled, 'Oh, give us a rest on the ancient dues system!'"

We regret we cannot give more space to this most excellent review.

QUEBEC.

The Sixth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter comes to us with portraits of four of the Grand Officers:

John H. Graham, LL.D., Grand Z., 1876-'80,
Isaac Henry Stearns, Grand Z., 1880-'81,
Frank Edgar, Grand Z., 1881-'83,
H. Luke Robinson, Grand Z., 1883-'84,
Four very good looking Companions.

The Annual Convocation was held at Quebec, January 30th, 1883.

All the Grand Officers present.

The M. E. the Grand Z., delivered his Annual Address.

As to the state of the Craft, he says:—

“It is with much satisfaction that I am able to report that peace and harmony reigns in Capitular Masonry under our jurisdiction. Not a single appeal, not a single case of grievance or a protest against any act of any officer of our Grand Chapter, or of the Subordinate Chapters, has come before me. From all I can learn, the principles of the Holy Royal Arch are now practically carried out by every Chapter in our jurisdiction; and the relations of the officers of this Grand Chapter with those of its Subordinate Chapters, are of the most cordial and fraternal character.

“At present I am not able to state that the expectations entertained by my predecessors of an increase in the number and membership of our Chapters, proportionate to that of the lodges in this province, at least, have been realized. No applications have been received for warrants for new Chapters;

nor has there been any large increase in the membership of those at present working. But, on the other hand, those who are enjoying the privilege of being members of the Royal Craft, are earnest in their devotion to its best interests, and constant in support of its principles. Though jealously guarded, our portals are open to all good and true masons, who are desirous of further light by being exalted to the supreme degree of our order; and we hope that they will all soon seek the distinction conferred by membership and association with companions of the Holy Royal Arch."

On Foreign Relations, he adds:—

"Our relations with the Grand Chapters throughout the world, with nearly all of whom we are in full intercourse, are of the most fraternal character. We continue to receive from most of them the Reports of their Annual Convocations, in which we find our labors in the interests of the Royal Craft carefully considered and fully appreciated, accompanied by friendly advice and counsel. These favors we should endeavor to reciprocate to the best of our ability. In this connection I regret to state that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, appointed for the past year, have been unable to undertake the work committed to their charge. Knowing the importance attached to the reports on Foreign Correspondence, both by ourselves and our sister Grand Chapters, and the great benefit to our members in having brought before them, by this means, the doings of the Royal Craft throughout the world, I have endeavored to supply the want of a regular report by calling upon the Representatives of the sister Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter to prepare a report on the proceedings of the Grand Bodies they severally represent, and submit the same at this convocation. These reports will be placed before you, and I would recommend their being referred to a committee, in order that they may be duly adopted and inserted in the proceedings of this Annual Convocation."

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows an excellent financial condition.

The following Grand Officers were elected:—

H. Luke Robinson, Waterloo, Grand 1st Principal Z.

Samuel Kennedy, Quebec, Grand 2d Principal H.

Angus Grant, Montreal, Grand 3d Principal J.

Joseph Martin, Montreal, Grand Superintendent Montreal District.

J. P. Noyes, Waterloo, Grand Superintendent Eastern Tps. District.

Charles Knowles, Quebec, Grand Superintendent Stadacona District.

A. D. Nelson, Montreal, Grand Treasurer.

David Seath, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

Charles R. Willis, Montreal, Grand Scribe N.

Edson Fitch, Quebec, Grand Principal Sojourner.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

This Grand Royal Arch Chapter held its seventy-second Annual Convocation in the City of Columbia, February 13th, 1883. All the Grand Officers were present with a number of Past Grand Officers and Grand Representatives and a constitutional quorum of Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand High Priest, J. Adger Smyth, delivered his annual address.

As to the Report on Correspondence he says :

“In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee at our last Grand Convocation, the Grand Secretary has been relieved from the duty of preparing this report, and none will be submitted for your consideration. To me this is a matter of great regret, and I therefore call your attention to a few points of interest, which I gather from a very cursory glance over the reports of the various Grand Chapters in the United States and Canada.”

As to the state of Capitular Masonry he adds :

“ I notice the same general condition of affairs now existing as that to which I alluded in my last address. Capitular Masonry is reported flourishing in almost all the Northern and Western States, but a general spirit of lethargy seems to prevail throughout our Southern borders.

“ Within our own jurisdiction the past year has been ‘ remarkable for uneventfulness.’

“ The utmost harmony prevails—no controversy of any kind has been brought to my notice, and nothing requiring judicial action, and no questions of importance have been submitted for my decision.

“ But I fear these are more the symptoms of declining health than reasons for congratulation. They call upon us for prompt action. For decisive efforts to infuse new vigor, and to arouse the Craft from that lethargy which is slowly but surely sapping its very life-blood.

The Grand Treasurer’s report is not very encouraging to the Companions.

No report on Correspondence.

The election of Grand Officers resulted as follows :

Comp. R. C. Watts, Laurens, M. E. Grand High Priest.

“ G. D. Bryan, Charleston, R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.

“ J. E. Breazeale, Anderson, R. E. Grand King.

“ W. T. Branch, Abbeville, R. E. Grand Scribe.

TENNESSEE.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Freemason's Hall, in the City of Nashville, on Thursday, February 1st, 1883. The Grand Officers were all present together with eight Past Grand Officers. Representatives from twenty-four grand jurisdictions and thirty-eight subordinate chapters. A constitutional number being present the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, W. E. Eastman delivered his annual address. As to the condition of Capitular Masonry he says :

"This subject demands our serious consideration. It is useless to deny the fact that for several years past capitular Masonry has been at a stand-still, if not losing strength, in our Jurisdiction, and the past year has been no exception to former years. There is a great lack of interest in nearly every section of the State; many Chapters holding only one or two meetings during the year, and but very few have had any increase in membership."

The other portions of the address are purely of local interest.

The following were elected Grand Officers :

Comp. Jas. D. Richardson, Murfreesboro, Grand High Priest.

" David J. Pierce, Chattanooga, Deputy Grand High Priest.

" Wm. S. Matthews, Memphis, Grand King.

" Bradford Nichol, Nashville, Grand Scribe.

" Nathan S. Woodward, Knoxville, Grand Treasurer.

" John Frizzell, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a good balance.

No report on Correspondence.

TEXAS.

This Grand Chapter held its Thirty-third Annual Convocation in the City of Houston, December 14th, 1882. All the Grand Officers were present. A constitutional number of Chapters being represented the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Peyton Nowlin, delivered his annual address. He says :

“ COMPANIONS.—Another year, with its myriad changes, has passed into eternity, admonishing us that step by step and day by day we are approaching the limit of our earthly pilgrimage, and solemnly appealing to our consciences, as we look back upon the past, to answer whether as just men and true Masons we have striven to discharge our duties to God and our fellow-man. By the beneficent kindness of the Great Architect of the Universe, who spoke into being the stupendous arch of heaven, whose sleepless eye and kind providence watches over us, and when man fell, by transgression of law, from his innocence and happiness, left him the powers of reasoning and the capacity of improvement and pleasure, and whose inscrutable wisdom directs us, we are again permitted to assemble in Grand Annual Convocation. I greet you with a hearty and fraternal salutation, and congratulate you on the general progress, the universal peace, unity and harmony that characterizes our glorious institution. The heart is cold, indeed, that does not feel its pulsations bound with greater warmth on this glad occasion, the hand nerveless that does not grasp its Companion with firmer pressure as we renew at the common altar our vows of love and friendship.

“ That you are animated by the warm feelings that distinguish the true Craftsman, that the interest of Royal Arch Masonry committed to your care will find in you watchful and zealous guardians I feel fully qualified to assert, and may your work be so well done, that those who come after you may exclaim, ‘ these were indeed most excellent masters ! ’

Dispensations for new Chapters were issued during the year as follows :

“January 26th, to open and hold a Chapter at Coleman City, to be called Coleman Chapter.

“March 27th, to open and hold a Chapter at Victoria, to be called Victoria Chapter.

“June 5th, to open and hold a Chapter at Meridian, to be called Meridian Chapter.”

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a good balance on hand.

The following were elected Grand Officers :

S. M. Williams, M. E. Grand High Priest.

G. W. Foster, E. Deputy Grand High Priest.

Haston Twomey, E. Grand King.

B. F. Frymier, E. Grand Scribe.

H. Scherffius, E. Grand Treasurer.

R. Brewster, E. Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Correspondence presented their Annual Report through their chairman, Robert M. Elgin. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being among the number.

VIRGINIA.

The Seventy-sixth Grand Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, July 3d, 1883. The M. E. Grand High Priest and M. E. Grand King being absent. Twenty subordinate Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest was read by the Grand Secretary. We quote as follows :

“By an interposition of Divine Providence, the nature of which will be explained to you by our Grand Secretary, I am prevented from being with you at this the Seventy-sixth Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Virginia ; and while, in this matter, I bow with willing submission to the decree of the “Supreme High Priest of Heaven and Earth,” I regret not

the less, that I am debarred the privilege of participating with you in your labors, of rejoicing with you in your joys, and of mingling my tears with yours in your sorrows. This regret is intensified because, owing to my condition, I cannot present for your consideration certain matters of interest to the craft which I had carefully selected from the proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters.

“Companions, since last you assembled in Grand Convocation, another masonic term has passed away freighted with human joys and sorrows, successes and failures. Death, the busy reaper, with sharpened scythe and wider sweep, has cut down many distinguished and highly honored Companions of our sister Grand Chapters, who now, like Rachel, mourn because their loved ones are not. With them life’s duties are ended, their labors are over, their works follow them ; and we hope and trust they are at rest and celestial refreshment in the Supreme Grand Chapter above. We send to our bereaved sisters our sincere and heartfelt sympathy and brotherly affection. We too, my Companions, are bereaved and afflicted. You are assembled under the very shadow of the grave. Death—remorseless and relentless death—has invaded our peaceful precincts. It becomes my painful duty to announce, officially, that Excellent Oscar Maybery Marshall, for several years Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter, has departed this life. He died at Millboro, Virginia, on the 15th day of July, 1883, and his brethren, with sobbing hearts and blinding tears, quietly and tenderly laid his body away in the silent tomb, in the city of Richmond, on the 17th day of the same month. In peace and in favor both with God and man, he has passed away. But alas! how our hearts are riven with pain as we remember we shall see his face no more, nor hear his voice, made musical by genial, sparkling humor, nor listen to his counsels of wit and wisdom in our assemblies. I knew him well and loved him. He was a brave, good man, and true in all the relations of life. It is well with him. After life’s fitful fever he sleeps well ; for he had sought and found that peace which passeth all understanding. Doubtless this Grand Chapter will take measures to perpetuate the remembrance of this amiable, distinguished and exemplary character.

“My Companions, as we look out from the shores of time and endeavor to penetrate, by means of our own unaided faculties, the vast and unexplored ocean of the future, how dark and gloomy is the prospect—how cold and bleak are

the waves—how our weak hearts shiver in the wintry darkness before us, without one ray of light to cheer. But is there no light in the spiritual universe of God? Yes, there is light; but it is the light which being grounded on the hope of a glorious immortality, through the merits of Judah's Lion, comes streaming from the beyond, lifting the clouds and dissipating the darkness, as the voice of our Father in heaven falls in sweetest tones upon the faint hearts of the children of men—'He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them and shall lead them into living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

"And now, my Companions, standing as we do in the very presence of death, and at the brink of the grave of our loved one, let us fear not; but with uncovered heads reverently resolve that, aided from on high, we will be better men and Masons in the future than we have been in the past, and that, with intensified fidelity, we will endeavor to discharge our duty to God, our neighbors and ourselves; so that when our summons comes—when the Supreme Grand Master's gavel shall fall upon our ears, we may be ready to enter into his rest. Let us remember that 'daily duties hardly paid at first, at length will bring relief to the sad mind that studies to perform them,' and there is a rest which remaineth for the people of God."

As to the condition of the craft he says:

"Peace and harmony prevail among the Chapters and Companions throughout our borders. No note of discord have I heard, and while Capitular Masonry is not in as flourishing a condition as it ought to be—while some of the Chapters are doing nothing, or next to nothing, for the good and for the advancement of the institution, yet I think I can safely say, it is evidently improving. Many of the Chapters are doing well, and others of them are doing better now than they have heretofore; and I trust that the results of the measures which you may adopt at this Convocation will be to give an impetus to our time-honored institution for great good. Companions, be true to yourselves and to the Craft at large. Work faithfully for the upbuilding of our mystic temple, and in your daily lives act out the principles which are inculcated in your Chapters. Do this and you cannot fail."

The following was the result of the election of Grand Officers.

M. E. William Henry Harrison Lynn, No. 2, Grand High Priest.

E. Francis Henry Hill, No. 13, Grand King.

E. Robert Templeman Craighill, No. 10, Grand Scribe.

E. John Farran Regnault, No. 43, Grand Treasurer.

E. William Bryan Isaacs, No. 43, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer having died during the year. The committee's Report on Finances shows the financial condition to be good. No report on correspondence.

WEST VIRGINIA.

This Grand Chapter held its Eleventh Annual Grand Convocation in the Masonic Temple, City of Wheeling, on November 7th, 1881. Most of the Grand Officers were present. Nine subordinate Chapters were represented. A quorum being in attendance the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The Grand High Priest, William H. H. Flick, delivered his annual address. He says :

“ It is with pleasure that I welcome you to our Eleventh Annual Convocation, our ranks unbroken by death, and our Grand Jurisdiction unvisited by any general calamity. In the country at large, the condition of general prosperity existing one year ago has been fully maintained. Sentiments of harmony and brotherhood have been strongly developed and strengthened, and excepting the fiery affliction which overtook the inhabitants of an extensive locality in a sister jurisdiction, and the horrible crime by which one of our companions, but recently exalted to the highest official position on earth, and which he gave such promise of filling with credit to himself and glory to his country, was brutally assassinated, filling the country with gloom and making the civilized world to mourn, nothing has occurred since last we met to mar the general

contentment and happiness of our people. It is hoped that sufferings of the destitute in the burnt district of Michigan may be speedily relieved, and that neither legal quibbles, nor fine spun theories, will prove a harbor of refuge for the assassin.

“During the past year but little progress has been made in Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction. One of the chief obstacles to our growth has been the numberless mushroom secret beneficial orders, which, born at low twelve, die at the succeeding high noon. Our returns will probably show a slight increase in membership; but a considerable falling off from the ratio of the year before.

“The year before was the year of the Templar Encampment at Chicago, and as usual in triennial years, the cause of Templar Masonry was considerably stimulated, and the only route to the Commandery being through the Chapter, an unusual increase in our membership was the natural result.

“I fear too many, desiring to become Knights Templar, knock at the doors of our Chapters *because* it is the only way to the Commandery, and when they have reached the object of their desires, become blind to the attractions of our most beautiful ritual and utterly indifferent to the success or failure of the Chapter through which they have passed. While such companions increase the membership in our Subordinate Chapters, and contribute to the funds of the cause (if they do not dimit), the example they set is very demoralizing, and it is questionable whether Capitular Masonry would not be better off without them. They belong to the class usually denominated ‘dress parade Masons,’ and are rarely seen except on some public occasion when they are out in all their glory.”

The Grand Treasurer’s Report shows a fair balance.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

M. E. William H. Freeman, Grand High Priest.

R. E. James C. Baker, Grand King.

“Gustave Brown, Grand Scribe.

“Samuel P. Hildreth, Grand Treasurer.

“Odell S. Long, Grand Secretary.

No report on Correspondence.

CONCLUSION.

We have now completed our labors. As will be perceived we have not entered into the discussion of any of the questions agitating the minds of some of our Companions of the Reportorial Corps. We have avoided this for more reasons than one. The principal one being that the questions under dispute have been argued and re-argued so much that there is hardly anything that could be said but what has been said over and over again. Another reason might be added that after all the discussion on the various subjects presented we find the Companions still adhering to their former views with the same tenacity, and to waste our time in further discussion is something that we have no desire to accomplish. We, in Pennsylvania, feel that the positions heretofore taken by our Committee on Correspondence can well be left as they stand, and the Companions of other Jurisdictions can look over them and form their own conclusions. As to the condition of Capitular Masonry throughout the world we are happy to report that, with but one or two Jurisdictions, it is gradually growing in strength; and to-day Capitular Masonry is stronger than ever before in its history. All the Grand Jurisdictions are working in harmony, and the fraternal feeling among the Companions presents a spectacle that can but give joy to the Companions. As our report is presented within the Holiday week we offer to one and all the compliments of the season with many happy returns.

We are Fraternally yours,

ANDREW ZANE, JR.,

Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

1883.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

OF THE

Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter

OF PENNSYLVANIA.

DANIEL THOMPSON,
JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON,
GEORGE W. WOOD,
SAMUEL C. PERKINS,
MICHAEL NISBET,
CHARLES E. MEYER,
ANDREW ROBENO,
GEORGE E. WAGNER,
WILLIAM C. HAMILTON, M.D.,
HIBBERT P. JOHN,
AUGUSTUS R. HALL.

1883.

REPRESENTATIVES

TO AND FROM

SISTER GRAND CHAPTERS

WHOSE CREDENTIALS HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY ACTED UPON
BY GRAND CHAPTER.

TO PENNSYLVANIA.

FROM PENNSYLVANIA.

SAMUEL C. PERKINS,	Louisiana,	HENRY R. SWASEY.
	New Jersey,	JOHN WOOLVERTON.
CHARLES E. MEYER,	New York,	CHARLES ROOME.
MICHAEL NISBET,	Nova Scotia,	FRASER W. DAKIN.
	Missouri,	REUBEN BARNEY, M.D.
MICHAEL NISBET,	Oregon,	JAMES R. BAYLEY.
JOHN L. YOUNG,	Maine,	MARQUIS F. KING.
HIBBERT P. JOHN,	Tennessee,	WILLIAM E. EASTMAN.
ANDREW ROBENO,	Maryland,	EDWARD T. SCHULTZ.
CHARLES E. MEYER,	Illinois,	ASA W. BLAKELEY.
HORACE FRITZ,	Wisconsin,	
CHARLES E. MEYER,	South Carolina,	
CHARLES E. MEYER,	Iowa,	CLARK VARNUM.
DAVID B TAYLOR,	District of Columbia,	
THOMAS R. PATTON,	Nebraska,	WILLIAM R. BOWEN.
CHARLES E. MEYER,	Massachusetts,	
CHARLES E. MEYER,	Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland,	LINDSAY MACKERSY.
CHARLES E. MEYER,	Grand Mark Lodge of Eng- land,	WM. J. HUGHAN.
CHARLES E. MEYER,	Quebec,	FRANK EDGAR.
DENNIS F. DEALY,	Nevada,	LEON M. L. BALDWIN,
THOMAS R. PATTON,	Canada,	DONALD McPHIE.
GEORGE W. WOOD,	Virginia,	
THOMAS JACOBS,	Mississippi,	S. C. CONLY.
WILLIAM J. KELLY,	Arkansas,	SAM. W. WILLIAMS.
AUGUSTUS R. HALL,	Indiana,	SIMEON S. JOHNSON.
JOHN CURTIS,	Vermont,	FRANK H. BASCOM.
JAMES S. BARBER,	North Carolina,	DONALD W. BAIN.
ELLSWORTH H. HULTS,	Rhode Island,	SAMUEL G. STINESS.

GRAND CHAPTERS, ETC., IN THE UNITED STATES,
CANADA AND GREAT BRITAIN IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL
ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

	ORGANIZED.	ADDRESS OF GRAND SECRETARY.
Alabama.	June 2, 1827, Dec. 8, 1837,	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery.
Arkansas.	April 28, 1851.	James A. Henry, Little Rock.
California.	July 27, 1854.	Thos. H. Caswell, San Francisco.
Colorado.	May 11, 1875.	Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown.
Connecticut.	March 17, 1798.	Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford.
Delaware.	January 20, 1869.	H. B. McIntyre, Wilmington.
Dist. Columbia.	May 3, 1867.	Lewis G. Stevens, Washington.
Florida.	January 11, 1847.	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
Georgia.	February 3, 1822.	J. E. Blackshear, Macon.
Illinois.	April 9, 1850.	Gilbert W. Barnard, Chicago.
Indiana.	December 25, 1845.	John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis.
Iowa.	June 3, 1854,	John C. Parish, Des Moines.
Kansas.	January 27, 1854.	John H. Brown, Wyandotte.
Kentucky.	December 4, 1817.	Joseph H. Branham, Louisville.
Louisiana.	March 1, 1813, May 1, 1848.	James C. Batchelor, New Orleans.
Maine.	February 7, 1821.	Ira Berry Portland.
Maryland.	June 24, 1797, Nov. 9, 1814.	George L. McCahan, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.	June 12, 1798.	Zeph. H. Thomas, Cambridgeport.
Michigan.	March 9, 1848.	W. P. Innes, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.	December 17, 1859.	A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul.
Mississippi.	May 18, 1846.	J. L. Power, Jackson.
Missouri.	October 16, 1846.	Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis.
Nebraska.	March 19, 1867.	Wm. R. Bowen, Omaha.
Nevada.	November 18, 1873.	John D. Hammond, Carson.
New Hampshire.	June 10, 1819.	George P. Cleaves, Concord.
New Jersey.	November 30, 1856.	George B. Edwards, Jersey City.
New York.	March 14, 1798.	C. G. Fox, Buffalo.
North Carolina.	June 21, 1822, June 28, 1847.	D. W. Bain, Raleigh.
Ohio.	October 24, 1816.	James Nesbitt, Troy.
Oregon.	September 18, 1860.	R. P. Earhart, Salem.
Pennsylvania.	December 17, 1795.	Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia.
Rhode Island.	March —, 1797.	W. R. Greene, Providence.
South Carolina.	May 29, 1812.	J. E. Burke, Charleston.
Tennessee.	April 3, 1828.	John Frizzell, Nashville.
Texas.	January 22, 1850.	Robert Brewster, Houston.
Vermont.	Dec. 20, 1804, July 18, 1849.	Wm. H. S. Whitcomb, Burlington.
Virginia.	May 6, 1808.	Wm. B. Isaacs, Richmond.
West Virginia.	November 16, 1871.	Odell S. Long, Wheeling.
Wisconsin.	February 13, 1850.	John W. Laflin, Milwaukee.
Canada.	January 20, 1857.	David McLellan, Hamilton.
Grand Lodge M. M. Masons of Eng. and Wales.		Fred. Binckes 8a Red Lion Square, Holborn, London, W. C.
Nova Scotia.	June —, 1870,	George T. Smithers, Halifax.
Quebec.	December 12, 1876.	David Seath, Montreal.
Scotland.		Wm. Edwards, No. 1 S, Hanover St.
England.		Edinburgh.

STATISTICS OF
SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS AND MARK LODGES
UNDER JURISDICTION OF
Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania,
DECEMBER 27, 1883.

CHAPTERS.

Those marked * returns not received to date of printing proceedings.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3.

Philadelphia.

Third Monday.

GEORGE N. WATSON, High Priest.

Thomas A. Redding, King. Stanislaus Remak, Scribe.

Horace Fritz, Treasurer. Dennis F. Dealy, Secretary.

11 Marked; 11 Most Excellent; 10 Exalted; 2 admitted; 0 restored; 6 died; 4 resigned; 4 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 369 members.

Perseverance Chapter, No. 21.

Harrisburg.

First Monday.

HENRY L. BOWERS, High Priest.

John D. Lemer, King. Wm. E. Brodbeck, Scribe.

William L. Gorgas, Treasurer. Wm. H. Smith, Secretary.

7 Marked; 9 Most Excellent; 9 Exalted; 1 admitted; 0 restored; 1 died; 1 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 130 members.

Chapter No. 43.

Lancaster.

Fourth Wednesday.

WM. O. MARSHALL, High Priest.

Joel S. Eaby, King. J. Gust. Zook, Scribe.

Charles A. Heinitsh, Treas. Hugh S. Gara, Secretary.

12 Marked; 12 Most Excellent; 12 Exalted; 3 admitted; 1 restored; 4 died; 2 resigned; 3 suspended; 0 expelled; 5 rejected; 266 members.

Harmony Chapter, No. 52.

Philadelphia.

First Friday.

ELLSWORTH H. HULTS, High Priest.

Joseph Orr, King.

Joseph Butler, Scribe.

R. Lloyd Lee, Treasurer.

John Curtis, Secretary.

39 Marked ; 40 Most Excellent ; 38 Exalted ; 2 admitted ;
 0 restored ; 7 died ; 0 resigned ; 15 suspended ; 0 expelled ;
 0 rejected ; 1 ceased ; 537 members.

Columbia Chapter, No. 91.

Philadelphia.

Third Wednesday.

JACOB GLASER, High Priest.

L. Hassell Lapp, King.

James Bleloch, Scribe.

George W. Wood, Treas.

J. Alexander Simpson, Sec'y.

16 Marked ; 19 Most Excellent ; 19 Exalted ; 1 admitted ;
 0 restored ; 11 died ; 1 resigned ; 4 suspended ; 0 expelled ;
 0 rejected ; 344 members.

Washington Chapter, No. 150.

Washington.

First Friday.

JAMES W. McDOWELL, High Priest.

George A. Carsten, King.

Sheldon B. Hayes, Scribe.

F. Whittlesy, Treasurer.

Wm. C. Bryson, Secretary.

5 Marked ; 5 Most Excellent ; 5 Exalted ; 0 admitted ; 0
 restored ; 0 died ; 1 resigned ; 1 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0
 rejected ; ceased 1 ; 50 members.

Reading Chapter, No. 152.

Reading.

Second Monday.

JOEL E. SLEGEL, High Priest.

J. Calvin Hoffeditz, King.

Wm. B. Koch, Scribe.

Jesse Orr, Treasurer.

John E. Hill, Secretary.

8 Marked ; 8 Most Excellent ; 8 Exalted ; 1 admitted ; 0
 restored ; 7 died ; 1 resigned ; 0 suspended or expelled ; 1
 rejected ; 194 members.

Schuylkill Chapter, No. 159.

Minersville. Thursday on or before Full Moon.

SOLOMON A. PHILIPS, High Priest.

Wm. T. Beach, King.

Robert F. Potter, Scribe.

Felix Schloss, Treasurer.

Joseph H. Richards, Secretary.

2 Marked; 2 Most Excellent; 2 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 1 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 29 members.

Union Chapter, No. 161.

Towanda.

Second Wednesday.

GEORGE W. BUCK, High Priest.

George E. Davis, King.

Andrew J. Dowd, Scribe.

Wm. Chamberlin, Treas.

James H. Coddington, Secretary.

5 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 1 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 2 resigned; 3 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 91 members.

Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 162.

Pittsburgh.

First Tuesday.

ALFRED C. WILSON, High Priest.

Alexander M. Keppel, King.

David R. Torrence, Scribe.

Benson S. Crumpton, Treas.

Wm. T. Reiter, Secretary.

42 Marked; 44 Most Excellent; 46 Exalted; 3 admitted; 0 restored; 1 died; 2 resigned; 5 suspended; 0 expelled; 4 rejected; 370 members.

Lafayette Chapter, No. 163.

Lock Haven.

Thursday after Full Moon.

WILLIAM K. SEDAM, High Priest.

George Alfred Brown, King.

George R. McCrea, Scribe.

Jacob Kamp, Treasurer.

William Henry Smith, Sec'y.

6 Marked; 6 Most Excellent; 7 Exalted; 1 admitted; 2 restored; 1 died; 3 resigned; 3 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 101 members.

Brownsville Chapter, No. 164.

Brownsville.

Second Tuesday.

WM. CHATLAND, High Priest.

Robert L. Aubrey, King. Samuel B. Linn, Scribe.

Thomas Duncan, Treasurer. Isaac L. Linn, Secretary.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 37 members.

Union Chapter, No. 165.

Uniontown.

First Thursday.

CHARLES L. SPRINGER, High Priest.

Samuel Cooper, King. Charles C. Hambry, Scribe.

William B. McCormick, Treas. Philip M. Hochheimer, Sec'y.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 35 members.

Mt. Moriah Chapter, No. 166.

Hollidaysburg.

Third Tuesday.

GEORGE W. SMITH, High Priest.

Plymouth W. Snyder, King. Scribe.

Alexander M. Lloyd, Treas. Martin Bell, Jr., Secretary.

1 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 42 members.

Enreka Chapter, No. 167.

Rochester.

Friday after Full Moon.

JOSEPH S. BRIGGS, High Priest.

Frank Robinson, King. Samuel M. Kane, Scribe.

Gilbert Pendleton, Treasurer. Cornelius Masten, Secretary.

1 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 1 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 48 members.

Philadelphia Chapter, No. 169.

Philadelphia.

Second Wednesday.

FRANCIS MUHLENBERG, M.D., High Priest.

John M. Zook, King.

Robert W. Chew, Scribe.

George J. Becker, Treasurer. Charles W. Nolen, Sec'y.

6 Marked; 4 Most Excellent; 4 Exalted; 2 admitted; 0 restored; 1 died; 1 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 218 members.

Delta Chapter, No. 170.

New Castle. Monday on or before Full Moon.

JOHN H. SNIDER, High Priest.

Horace G. Miller, King.

Charles S. Wallace, Scribe.

William D. Dickson, Treas. Wm. T. Butz, Secretary.

12 Marked; 12 Most Excellent; 10 Exalted; 1 admitted; 1 resigned; 0 restored; 0 died; 2 suspended; 2 rejected; 66 members.

St. John's Chapter, No. 171.

Carlisle.

First Thursday.

ERNEST J. KRAUSE, High Priest.

James D. Rea, King.

David M. C. Gring, Scribe.

John Hyer, Treasurer.

John G. Bobb, Secretary.

7 Marked, 7 Most Excellent; 7 Exalted; 2 admitted; 0 restored; 1 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 54 members.

Temple Chapter, No. 172.

Tunkhannock. First Monday after Full Moon.

JAMES W. PIATT, High Priest.

Clarence A. Little, King.

Francis W. Dewitt, Scribe.

Henry Barham, Treasurer.

Draper Billings, Secretary.

15 Marked; 15 Most Excellent; 15 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 1 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 1 expelled; 0 rejected; 37 members.

Easton Chapter, No. 173.

Easton.

Fourth Monday.

BENJAMIN F. SIEGERT, High Priest.

Frank Milton Terry, King. Moses Menline, Scribe.

Abraham S. Deichman, Treas. Robert E. James, Secretary.

19 Marked; 19 Most Excellent; 18 Exalted; 1 admitted;
1 restored; 3 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled;
1 rejected; 135 members.

Northumberland Chapter, No. 174.

Sunbury.

Tuesday preceding Full Moon.

JAMES H. MCDEVITT, High Priest.

Thomas S. McMahan, King. Philip H. Moore, Scribe.

Benj. Zettlemoyer, Treas. Jacob Shipman, Secretary.

5 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0
restored; 0 died; 3 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0
rejected; 46 members.

Keystone Chapter, No. 175.

Philadelphia.

Second Tuesday.

ISAAC BEDICHIMER, High Priest.

Henry J. Brooks, King. Samuel H. Allen, Scribe.

Wm. T. Taylor, Treas. Horace G. O. Ramborger, Sec.

10 Marked; 12 Most Excellent; 13 Exalted; 0 admitted;
0 restored; 6 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0
rejected; 311 members.

George Washington Chapter, No. 176.

Chambersburg.

Third Monday.

JOSEPH R. KRICHBAUM, High Priest.

Wm. H. Beck, King. George Biestch, Scribe.

Henry S. Stoner, Treasurer. Allan C. McGrath, Secretary.

0 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0
restored; 0 died; 2 resigned; 1 suspended; 0 expelled; 0
rejected; 36 members.

Tamaqua Chapter, No. 177.

Tamaqua. First Friday after Full Moon.

PRESTON ROBINSON, High Priest.

Daniel Shepp, King. Richard Boyd, Scribe.

Emanuel J. Fry, Treasurer. Wm. Priser, Secretary.

5 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 1 admitted; 0 restored; 2 died; 0 resigned; 9 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 49 members.

Catawissa Chapter, No. 178.

Catawissa. Wednesday on or before Full Moon.

KERSEY S. CLEAVER, High Priest.

Samuel C. Baum, King. Luther B. Kline, Scribe.

Solomon D. Rinard, Treas. Joseph B. Knittle, Sec'y.

0 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 0 admitted; 2 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 31 members.

Eureka Chapter, No. 179.

Carbondale.

Last Friday.

JOHN W. DIMOCK, High Priest.

Rollin H. Smith, King. George S. Kimball, Scribe.

Joseph Birket, Treasurer. Wm. R. Baker, Secretary.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 3 resigned; 3 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 74 members.

Warren Chapter, No. 180.

Montrose. Thursday on or before Full Moon.

JAMES F. ZERFASS, High Priest.

Charles H. Smith, King. Freeman G. Lott, Scribe.

Wm. W. Smith, Treasurer. Wm. L. Cox, Secretary.

0 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted; 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled; 0 rejected; 42 members.

Lilly Chapter, No. 181.

Mauch Chunk.

Fourth Tuesday.

LAIRD H. BARBER, High Priest.

Wm. F. Streeter, King. Renssalaer Leonard, Scribe.

James I. Blakslee, Treasurer. Wm. W. Weaver, Secretary.

2 Marked ; 2 Most Excellent ; 1 Exalted ; 0 admitted ; 1 restored ; 1 died ; 1 resigned ; 4 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 93 members.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 182.

Wilkesbarre.

Third Tuesday.

EDWARD SMITH, High Priest.

Daniel S. Bennett, King. John Laning, Scribe.

George H. Flanagan, Treas. Arthur D. Moore, Secretary.

0 Marked ; 1 Most Excellent ; 1 Exalted ; 0 admitted ; 0 restored ; 5 died ; 0 resigned ; 8 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 1 ceased ; 47 members.

Oriental Chapter, No. 183.

Philadelphia.

Third Thursday.

STOCKTON BATES, High Priest.

John Sterling, King. Michael Arnold, Scribe.

Michael Nisbet, Treasurer. Jacob F. Stahl, Secretary.

51 Marked ; 53 Most Excellent ; 53 Exalted ; 8 admitted ; 2 restored ; 6 died ; 2 resigned ; 7 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 3 rejected ; 673 members.

Lackawanna Chapter, No. 185.

Scranton.

Second Tuesday.

JOHN S. FERGUSON, High Priest.

Jacob F. Hetzel, King. Henry C. Doud, Scribe.

James Ruthven, Treasurer. C. L. VanBuskirk, Secretary.

0 Marked ; 0 Most Excellent ; 3 Exalted ; 0 admitted ; 0 restored ; 1 died ; 1 resigned ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 89 members.

Lewistown Chapter, No. 186.

Lewistown.

Third Tuesday.

HARRY M. VAN ZANDT, High Priest.

Geo. E. Heinbach, King. Landon C. Heskit, Jr., Scribe.

David E. Robeson, Treasurer. Charles A. Zerbe, Secretary.

4 Marked ; 5 Most Excellent ; 5 Exalted ; 1 admitted ; 0 restored ; 0 died ; 0 resigned ; 2 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 1 rejected ; 61 members.

Oriental Chapter, No. 187.

Conneautville.

Third Friday.

DORR KLUMPH, High Priest.

George McMullen, King. Jas. G. Leffingwell, Scribe.

John W. Crider, Treasurer. Edwin L. Litchfield, Secretary.

0 Marked ; 1 Most Excellent ; 1 Exalted ; 2 admitted ; 0 restored ; 1 died ; 0 resigned ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 33 members.

Mountain Chapter, No. 189.

Altoona.

First Thursday.

WILLIAM B. MILLER, High Priest.

Amos C. Davis, King. Wm. W. Murray, Jr., Scribe.

Theodore H. Wigton, Treas. Timothy Davis, Secretary.

14 Marked ; 10 Most Excellent ; 10 Exalted ; 2 admitted ; 0 restored ; 0 died ; 0 resigned ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 4 rejected ; 102 members.

Norristown Chapter, No. 190.

Norristown.

Second Monday.

WM. F. SLINGLUFF, High Priest.

Isaac W. Smith, King. Robert Wilson Perry, Scribe.

Joseph Shaw, Treasurer. Franklin T. Beer, Secretary.

26 Marked ; 26 Most Excellent ; 26 Exalted ; 0 admitted ; 0 restored ; 0 died ; 3 resigned ; 2 suspended ; 1 expelled ; 1 rejected ; 171 members.

Solomon Chapter, No. 191.

Meadville.

First Tuesday.

STURGES T. DICK, High Priest.

Daniel G. Shryock, King. David C. Dunn, Scribe.

Norman C. McLaughlin, Treas. Henry Church, Secretary.

2 Marked ; 2 Most Excellent ; 3 Exalted ; 1 admitted ; 1 restored ; 2 died ; 2 resigned ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 78 members.

Urania Chapter, No. 192.

Greensburg.

Thursday after third Tuesday.

WM. M. SINGER, High Priest.

Robert C. Mullin, King. James B. Laux, Scribe.

Zach. P. Bierer, Treasurer. David S. Furgeson, Secretary.

9 Marked ; 9 Most Excellent ; 9 Exalted ; 0 admitted ; 0 restored ; 0 died ; 0 resigned ; 1 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 118 members.

Duquesne Chapter, No. 193.

Pittsburgh.

Fourth Thursday.

JOHN J. THORNTON, High Priest.

Wm. J. A. Kennedy, King. Wm. C. Wright, Scribe.

George Glass, Treasurer. Joseph S. Brown, Secretary.

24 Marked ; 24 Most Excellent ; 24 Exalted ; 1 admitted ; 1 restored ; 4 died ; 1 resigned ; 1 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 1 rejected ; 330 members.

Tioga Chapter, No. 194.

Wellsboro'. Thursday on or before Full Moon.

HENRY W. WILLIAMS, High Priest.

Jerome B. Niles, King. Ezra B. Young, Scribe.

William Roberts, Treasurer. Max Bernkopf, Secretary.

0 Marked ; 0 Most Excellent ; 0 Exalted ; 0 admitted ; 0 restored ; 1 died ; 5 resigned ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 18 members.

Portage Chapter, No. 195.

Johnstown.

Fourth Tuesday.

CHARLES KROPP, High Priest.

Robert H. Nixen, King.

John W. Wonders, Scribe.

John H. Dibert, Treasurer.

Benjamin F. Speedy, Secretary.

19 Marked ; 19 Most Excellent ; 19 Exalted ; 2 admitted ;
 0 restored ; 1 died ; 2 resigned ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ;
 0 rejected ; 78 members.

Mountain City Chapter, No. 196.

Pottsville.

Monday after Full Moon.

CHRISTIAN F. CONRAD, High Priest.

Jeremiah H. Sterner, King.

Stephen A. Thurlow, Scribe.

Daniel D. Moreton, Treas.

Jeremiah J. Cake, Secretary.

3 Marked ; 3 Most Excellent ; 3 Exalted ; 0 admitted ; 0
 restored ; 0 died ; 0 resigned ; 4 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0
 rejected ; 83 members.

Weidle Chapter, No. 197.

Lebanon.

Second Tuesday.

ABRAM HESS, High Priest.

John David Brown, King.

John K. Raudenbush, Scribe.

Joseph L. Lemberger, Treas.

William G. Ward, Secretary.

4 Marked ; 4 Most Excellent ; 2 Exalted ; 0 admitted ; 0
 restored ; 0 died ; 0 resigned ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0
 rejected ; 71 members.

Phoenix Chapter, No. 198.

Phoenixville. Second Saturday after Full Moon.

DANIEL F. MOORE, High Priest.

John Robb, King.

Samuel R. March, Scribe.

Addison S. Vanderslice, Treas.

Edward T. Plush, Secretary.

2 Marked ; 2 Most Excellent ; 3 Exalted ; 5 admitted ;
 5 restored ; 1 died ; 1 resigned ; 1 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0
 rejected ; 98 members.

Howell Chapter, No. 199.

York. First Wednesday after First Monday.

EDWIN MYERS, High Priest.

Edwin T. Moul, King. James H. Rau, Scribe.

Isaac A. Elliott, Treasurer. Thomas Wood, Secretary.

5 Marked ; 9 Most Excellent ; 9 Exalted ; 0 admitted ; 0 restored ; 1 died ; 0 resigned ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 89 members.

Columbus Chapter, No. 200.

Corry. Thursday on or before Full Moon.

ORLANDO P. EATON, High Priest.

Randall H. Palmer, King. Cassius L. Baker, Scribe.

Clarence G. Harmon, Treas. Henry B. Blair, Secretary.

13 Marked ; 13 Most Excellent ; 14 Exalted ; 1 admitted ; 0 restored ; 1 died ; 2 resigned ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 1 rejected ; 48 members.

Standing Stone Chapter, No. 201.

Huntingdon. First Tuesday.

RICHARD I. FAUST, High Priest.

S. Cloyd Seibert, King. Augustus Letterman, Scribe.

Wm. B. Zeigler, Treasurer. Graffus Miller, Secretary.

2 Marked ; 2 Most Excellent ; 2 Exalted ; 0 admitted ; 0 restored ; 0 died ; 0 resigned ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 45 members.

Howell Chapter, No. 202.

West Chester. First Monday after Full Moon.

HENRY C. BALDWIN, High Priest.

Charles B. Lear, King. Abram Wanger, Scribe.

Norris T. Smith, Treasurer. William D. Christman, Sec'y.

0 Marked ; 0 Most Excellent ; 0 Exalted ; 2 admitted ; 2 restored ; 2 died ; 0 resigned ; 3 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 0 rejected ; 47 members.

Allen Chapter, No. 203.

Allentown. Monday on or before Full Moon.

AUGUSTUS F. SHICK, High Priest.

Erwin J. Balliet, King. John B. Davis Scribe.

Russell A. Thayer, Treas. Benjamin F. Abbott, Secretary.

8 Marked; 4 Most Excellent; 4 Exalted; 1 restored; 5 died; 2 resigned; 3 suspended; 120 members.

Anthony Wayne Chapter, No. 204.

Honesdale.

GILBERT WHITE, High Priest.

J. Oscar Terrel, King. John Bone, Scribe,

Henry J. Tarble, Treasurer. Samuel K. Dodge, Secretary.

Factoryville Chapter, No. 205.

Factoryville. Wednesday on or before Full Moon.

CALVIN L. BRIGGS, High Priest.

Simon H. Briggs, King. Benager S. Gardner, Scribe.

Giles S. Wilson, Treasurer. James C. Gardner, Secretary.

12 members.

Harmony Chapter, No. 206.

Beaver Falls.

First Thursday.

DAVID R. WILKINSON, High Priest.

James M. May, King. John P. Sherwood, Scribe.

George E. Smith, Treasurer. George W. Coates, Secretary.

7 Marked; 8 Most Excellent; 8 Exalted; 2 admitted; 1 died; 29 members.

Aaron Chapter, No. 207.

Titusville.

Third Friday.

BURTON F. EDWARDS, High Priest.

George H. Coburn, King. John Kellogg, Scribe.

Jacob Strauss, Treasurer. Smith C. Roof, Secretary.

1 admitted; 2 restored; 3 resigned; 77 members.

Germantown Chapter, No. 208.

Germantown.

Third Monday.

JOHN WHITEMAN, High Priest.

William Mortimer, King. Elmer E. Scatchard, Scribe.

George Scatchard, Treasurer. Edwin R. Stevens, Secretary.

3 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 1 died; 1 resigned; 93 members.

Samuel C. Perkins Chapter, No. 209.

Mechanicsburg.

Second Monday.

SAMUEL F. HUSTON, High Priest.

John H. Shopp, King. Josiah P. Wilber, Scribe.

E. Ranken Huston, Treas. George Bobb, Secretary.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 1 resigned; 36 members.

Great Bend Chapter, No. 210.

Great Bend. Thursday on or before Full Moon.

JOHN W. LARRABEE, High Priest.

William W. Simrell, King. William J. Day, Scribe.

Galen Newman, Treasurer. John H. Dusenbury, Secretary.

2 admitted; 1 resigned; 8 suspended; 41 members.

Venango Chapter, No. 211.

Franklin.

Second Thursday.

CHRISTIAN M. HOOVER, High Priest.

Henry D. Hulin, King. David D. Grant, Scribe.

Joseph Bell, Treasurer. Richard W. Redfield, Sec'y.

64 members.

Mound Chapter, No. 212.

Greenville.

Fourth Monday.

ALFRED F. HENLINE, High Priest.

Calvin R. Beatty, King. Eugene P. Gillespie, Scribe.

Fayette Herrick, Treasurer. Henry H. Lininger, Secretary.

6 Marked; 7 Most Excellent; 7 Exalted; 2 resigned; 8 suspended; 60 members.

Girard Chapter, No. 213.

Warrant surrendered.

Valley Chapter, No. 214.

Plymouth. Friday on or before Full Moon.

JOHN R. LEE, High Priest.

Wm. G. Eno, King. Andrew F. Harrison, Scribe.
 Chas. W. Jenkins, Treasurer. Samuel U. Shaffer, Secretary.

3 Marked; 2 Most Excellent; 2 Exalted; 1 died; 1
 resigned; 37 members.

Temple Chapter, No. 215.

Erie. Second Friday.

HENRY W. DEWITT, High Priest.

Homer M. Hill King. Gustave A. Carstensen, Scribe.
 Herman T. Jarecki, Treas. Frank C. Mills, Secretary.

13 Marked; 13 Most Excellent; 12 Exalted; 2 resigned;
 125 members.

Zinzendorf Chapter, No. 216.

Bethlehem. Second Monday.

CHARLES H. WENHOLD, High Priest.

William V. Knauss, King. Wm. S. Wintersteen, Scribe.
 Bernhard E. Lehman, Treas. Matthew J. Schmid, Secretary.

6 Marked; 6 Most Excellent; 6 Exalted; 7 suspended;
 52 members.

Allegheny Chapter, No. 217.

Allegheny City. First Friday.

GEORGE N. LACOCK, High Priest.

Presley S. Brown, King. John McCallen, Scribe.
 Nathan Graham, Treasurer. Adolphe H. Bocking, Sec'y.

18 Marked; 18 Most Excellent; 18 Exalted; 2 died; 1
 resigned; 2 suspended; 1 ceased; 3 rejected; 245 members.

Bloomsburg Chapter, No. 218.

Bloomsburg. First Wednesday.

WM. J. SCOTT, High Priest.

Edward C. Wells, King. John Appleman, Scribe.

Jeremiah J. Brower, Treas. Christian F. Knapp, Secretary.

1 died; 1 resigned; 50 members.

Griscom Chapter, No. 219.

Ashland. Third Thursday.

WM. A. PHILLIPS, High Priest.

Albert L. Laubenstien, King. Emil Charles Wagner, Scribe.

J. Frederick Miller, Treas. George H. Helfrich, Secretary.

5 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 3 resigned;
37 members.

Fort Washington Chapter, No. 220.

Fort Washington. Thursday before Full Moon.

HENRY J. HOUP, High Priest.

Charles H. Marple, King. John S. Sechler, Scribe.

Henry Unger, Treasurer. Louis S. Whitcomb, Secretary.

4 Marked; 4 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 1 died; 34
members.

Tremont Chapter, No. 221.

Tremont. Monday after Full Moon.

JOHN COWLEY, High Priest.

Joseph W. Bird, King. Alfred D. Wolff, Scribe.

Daniel B. Althouse, Treas. Benjamin Kaufman, Secretary.

5 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 1 died; 8
suspended; 1 rejected; 44 members.

Lycoming Chapter, No. 222.

Williamsport. Second Tuesday.

FRANK J. RICHARDS, High Priest.

Wm. T. Corson, King. Max J. Reinhold, Scribe.

Adolph Niemeyer, Treasurer. William R. Prior, Secretary.

9 Marked; 9 Most Excellent; 9 Exalted; 1 admitted; 1
died; 1 resigned; 2 suspended; 113 members.

Oxford Chapter, No. 223.

Oxford. Wednesday after Full Moon.

ALBERT CARHART, High Priest.

Septimus E. Niven, King. J. Thornton Fox, Scribe.

Alex. H. Ingram, Treasurer. James Black, Secretary.

2 resigned; 1 suspended; 41 members.

Corinthian Chapter, No. 224.

Columbia. Second Tuesday.

WILLIAM G. TAYLOR, High Priest.

Theodore L. Urban, King. Christian S. Kauffman, Scribe.

Charles H. Pfahler, Treas. Andrew J. Kauffman, Sec'y.

5 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 1 restored; 1 died; 1 resigned; 2 suspended; 69 members.

Jefferson Chapter, No. 225.

Brookville. First Monday.

ALEXIS L. GORDON, High Priest.

George W. Means, King. John J. Patterson, Scribe.

James K. Hamilton, Treas. Williamson D. J. Marlin, Sec'y.

1 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 2 Exalted; 40 members.

Siloam Chapter, No. 226.

Frankford. Third Wednesday.

MICHAEL H. HOFFMAN, High Priest.

Horace T. Fries, King. Harry R. Glenn, Scribe.

John Cooper, Treasurer. Thaddeus Stearne, Secretary.

5 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 1 suspended; 119 members.

Emporium Chapter, No. 227.

Emporium. First and third Wednesdays.

JOHN W. KRINER, High Priest.

Cad G. Matson, King. John D. Logan, Scribe.

Leonard Taggart, Treasurer. George Metzger, Secretary.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 2 resigned; 5 ceased; 40 members.

Clearfield Chapter, No. 228.

Clearfield. Second Monday after Full Moon.

JOHN G. SCHRYVER, High Priest.

James P. Burchfield, King. Alexander E. Patton, Scribe.
Daniel W. McCurdy, Treas. William Radebaugh, Secretary.

6 Marked; 6 Most Excellent; 6 Exalted; 2 admitted;
1 restored; 1 resigned; 4 suspended; 42 members.

Newtown Chapter, No. 229.

Newtown. Wednesday after Full Moon.

ROBERT SHIELDS, High Priest.

Thomas C. Knowles, King. Ephraim P. Feaster, Scribe.
William K. Carver, Treas. I. Wilson Merrick, Secretary.

2 Marked; 2 Most Excellent; 2 Exalted; 1 died; 2
suspended; 38 members.

Elk Chapter, No. 230.

Ridgway. Third Tuesday.

EUGENE J. MILLER, High Priest.

James B. Wicks, King. Daniel D. Cook, Scribe.
Byron F. Ely, Treasurer. W. C. Healy, Secretary.

28 members.

** Bristol Chapter, No. 231.*

Bristol. Saturday after Full Moon.

High Priest.

King. Scribe.
Treas. Israel S. Tomlinson, Secretary.

St. John Chapter, No. 232.

Philadelphia. First Tuesday.

EDWARD J. JAMES, High Priest.

William Patterson, King. Alpheus M. Walker, Scribe.
Samuel S. Gaw, Treasurer. Wm. F. Tracy, Secretary.

2 Marked; 4 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 3 died; 1
suspended; 1 expelled; 247 members.

Kensington Chapter, No. 233.

Kensington, 130 & 132 Richmond st., Philadelphia.

Fourth Monday.

WILLIAM A. PIPER, M.D., High Priest.

Louis Schmitt, King.

Wm. Lindenfesler, Scribe.

John W. Lee, Treasurer.

Charles K. Neisser, Secretary.

23 Marked; 24 Most Excellent; 24 Exalted; 2 admitted;
5 died; 3 resigned; 368 members.

Media Chapter, No. 234.

Media.

Thursday on or after Full Moon.

WILLIAM E. WILLIAMSON, High Priest.

Charles B. Sprogell, King.

Horace P. Green, Scribe.

Wardle Ellis, Treasurer.

William Campbell, Secretary.

2 Marked; 2 Most Excellent; 2 Exalted; 1 died; 38
members.

Occidental Chapter, No. 235

Warren.

Second Monday.

JOHN M. CLAPP, High Priest.

Joseph Walkerman, King.

Benjamin Ellis, Scribe.

Andrew Hertzell, Treas.

Wm. Borne, Secretary.

5 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 2 Exalted; 1 admitted; 1
died; 1 resigned; 1 suspended; 55 members.

Oil City Chapter, No. 236.

Oil City.

Third Thursday.

ANDREW W. COX, High Priest.

Benjamin F. Innis, King.

Wade Hampton, Jr., Scribe.

Thomas R. Cowell, Treas.

Henry C. Goldsborough, Sec'y.

6 Marked; 4 Most Excellent; 4 Exalted; 3 resigned;
3 suspended; 60 members.

Excelsior Chapter, No. 237.

Reading.

First Thursday.

DAVID T. SCHMEHL, High Priest.

John Barbey, King.

Joseph Kemp, Scribe.

George E. Haak, Treasurer.

Thomas E. Weber, Secretary.

28 Marked; 29 Most Excellent; 28 Exalted; 1 admitted;
1 restored; 3 died; 5 suspended; 188 members.

Newport Chapter, No. 238.

Newport.

Monday after Full Moon.

EDGAR A. TENNIS, High Priest.

Isaac N. Grubb, King.

A. Fred. Keim, Scribe.

William H. Bosserman, Treas. John P. Clark, Secretary.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 1 resigned;
34 members.

Danville Chapter, No. 239.

Danville.

First Monday.

WILLIAM G. KRAMER, High Priest.

Philip Eugene Maus, King.

John W. Farnsworth, Scribe.

David Clark, Treasurer.

Alex. J. Frick, Secretary.

2 Marked; 2 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 1 died; 1
resigned; 1 suspended; 1 expelled; 43 members.

Palestine Chapter, No. 240.

Philadelphia.

Second Friday.

WM. H. E. MARTER, High Priest.

Henry C. Sharp, King.

Edward R. Marsh, Scribe.

Wm. E. Krewson, Treasurer. Charles Mathews, Jr., Sec'y.

7 Marked; 7 Most Excellent; 7 Exalted; 1 admitted; 1
restored; 8 suspended; 205 members.

Bellefonte Chapter, No. 241.

Bellefonte.

First Friday.

WILLIAM F. REBER, High Priest.

John Hewitt, King.

John I. Hagerman, Scribe.

John P. Harris, Treasurer.

George B. Weaver, Sec'y.

3 Marked ; 1 Most Excellent ; 2 Exalted ; 4 suspended ;
48 members.

Pittston Chapter, No. 242.

Pittston, Luzerne Co.

Last Thursday.

JOHN B. LAW, High Priest.

John D. Green, King.

Charles E. Howitz, Scribe.

Thomas E. Grier, Treasurer.

Thomas W. Kyte, Secretary.

2 Marked ; 2 Most Excellent ; 2 Exalted ; 1 admitted ; 0
restored ; 1 died ; 40 members.

Tristram B. Freeman Chapter, No. 243.

Philadelphia.

First Friday.

JOSEPH A. ABRAMS, High Priest.

Daniel E. Wilson, King.

William Jones, Scribe.

William T. Benner, Treas.

George M. D. Apple, Sec'y.

40 Marked ; 41 Most Excellent ; 41 Exalted ; 2 admitted ;
1 resigned ; 4 suspended ; 1 rejected ; 235 members.

Norman Chapter, No. 244.

Sharon, Mercer Co.

Second Friday.

JOHN C. OWSLEY, High Priest.

Michael Zahniser, King.

John Murchie, Scribe.

Matthias H. Henderson, Treas. John Ambler, Secretary.

4 Marked ; 6 Most Excellent ; 8 Exalted ; 2 admitted ; 2
resigned ; 1 restored ; 1 suspended ; 3 ceased ; 74 members.

Abington Chapter, No. 245.

Jenkintown, Montgomery Co. Tuesday after Full Moon.

JOSEPH A. SHOEMAKER, High Priest.

Ephraim Slugg, King. Charles P. Summers, Scribe.
Charles Harper, Treasurer. Joseph W. Hunter, Secretary.

1 Marked ; 2 Most Excellent ; 3 Exalted ; 1 resigned ;
4 suspended ; 34 members.

Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246.

Watsonstown. Wednesday after Full Moon.

JOHN F. McCLURE, High Priest.

Robert Buck, King. James M. Rhoads, Scribe.
Frederick H. Knight, Treas. Wm. Field Shay, Secretary.

9 Marked ; 8 Most Excellent ; 7 Exalted ; 52 members.

Orient Chapter, No. 247.

Kittanning. Second Monday.

JOSEPH S. SMITH, High Priest.

Mervin F. Leason, King. Charles J. Jessop, Scribe.
George K. Fox, Treasurer. George T. Crawford, Secretary.

4 Marked ; 4 Most Excellent ; 4 Exalted ; 1 died ; 6
suspended ; 64 members.

Temple Chapter, No. 248.

Philadelphia. Third Tuesday.

ISAAC C. PRICE, High Priest.

Benj. Maurice Gaskill, King. Jacob Beck, Scribe.
Joseph S. Wright, Treas. Elvin Klautsheck, Secretary.

7 Marked ; 7 Most Excellent ; 7 Exalted ; 2 died ; 3
resigned ; 11 suspended ; 164 members.

Monongahela Chapter, No. 249.

Monongahela City. Thursday after Full Moon.

REV. JOHN P. NORMAN, High Priest.

Charles H. Hoffman, King. Wm. H. Arison, Scribe.
James Dickey, Treasurer. Curtis V. Stockdale, Secretary.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 2 suspended;
30 members.

Corinthian Chapter, No. 250.

Philadelphia. First Monday.

A. C. W. BEECHER, M.D., High Priest.

William R. Peddle, King. Charles C. Banks, Scribe.
Arnold M. Davis, Treasurer. James McCormick, Sec'y.

4 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 1 admitted; 1
died; 197 members.

Signet Chapter, No. 251.

Philadelphia. Third Wednesday.

HORACE F. WHITMAN, High Priest.

Edwin L. Evans, King. Henry J. McCarthy, Scribe.
Silas W. Pettit, Treasurer. Oscar R. Meyers, Sec'y.

3 Marked; 4 Most Excellent; 4 Exalted; 2 admitted; 1
resigned; 115 members.

Mizpah Chapter, No. 252.

Mahanoy City. Thursday after Full Moon.

JOHN W. HARDLEY, High Priest.

John Holland, King. Moses Weinberg, Scribe.
Samuel Parmley, Treasurer. Phaon Hermany, Secretary.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 1 resigned; 1
ceased; 38 members.

North East Chapter, No. 253.

North East, Erie Co.

Second Monday

ISAAC HORTON, High Priest.

Norman H. Clark, King. J. M. Dewitt, Scribe.

Sylvester J. Nash, Treasurer. Henry S. Nash, Secretary.

1 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 24 members.

Arnold Chapter, No. 254.

Port Allegany, McKean Co. Second Tuesday.

CARLTON R. BARD, High Priest.

H. Jay Barrett, King. Edwin P. Dalrymple, Scribe.

Enoch D. Dolley, Treasurer. Ole L. Snyder, Secretary.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 1 resigned; 34 members.

Bedford Chapter, No. 255.

Bedford. 3d Wednesday on or before Full Moon.

THOMAS S. GILCHRIST, High Priest.

D. Stuart Elliot, King. Frank M. Amos, Scribe.

James Cleaver, Treasurer. Rev. Charles M. Stock, Sec'y.

1 died; 40 members.

Fernwood Chapter, No. 256.

Fernwood, Delaware Co.

First Tuesday.

ALBERT H. WALTERS, High Priest.

Michael Young, King. Joseph B. Conover, Jr., Scribe.

Oliver B. Moss, Treasurer. Alfred C. Neall, Sec'y.

4 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 2 died; 1 resigned; 71 members.

Shiloh Chapter, No. 257.

Pittsburgh.

Third Monday.

GEORGE W. HASLETT, High Priest.

Charles J. Cassity, King. Arthur H. Sholes, Scribe.

Joseph Eichbaum, Treasurer. George W. Robitzer, Secretary.

22 Marked ; 22 Most Excellent ; 18 Exalted ; 2 admitted ;
2 died ; 1 resigned ; 1 suspended ; 128 members.

Chester Chapter, No. 258.

Chester, Delaware Co.

Last Monday.

HENRY W. CULLIS, High Priest.

Robert P. Mercer, King. Thomas Lees, Scribe.

William Taylor, Treasurer. Theodore W. Stone, Secretary.

3 Marked ; 3 Most Excellent ; 3 Exalted ; 1 admitted ; 2
died ; 93 members.

Eden Chapter, No. 259.

Edenburg, Clarion Co.

Second Tuesday.

HENRY S. LOCKHART, High Priest.

George Yonkers, King. Benjamin F. Delo, Scribe.

Benton A. Kribbs, Treasurer. Joseph B. Painter, Secretary.

3 Marked ; 4 Most Excellent ; 3 Exalted ; 1 resigned ;
37 members.

Bradford Chapter, No. 260.

Bradford, McKean Co.

Third Thursday.

DAVID S. KEMP, High Priest.

Henry Trombower, King. Wilbur F. DeGolia, Scribe.

Charles L. Wheeler, Treas. William H. H. Fithian, Sec'y.

32 Marked ; 33 Most Excellent ; 33 Exalted ; 6 admitted ;
3 resigned ; 2 rejected ; 155 members.

Troy Chapter, No. 261.

Troy, Bradford Co. Thursday on or before Full Moon.

WARREN LANDON, High Priest.

Delos Rockwell, King. John P. Fletcher, Scribe.

Francis Green, Treasurer. Robert C. Kendall, Secretary.

17 Marked; 22 Most Excellent; 22 Exalted; 1 admitted;
56 members.

Montgomery Chapter, No. 262.

Ardmore, Montgomery Co. Thursday after Full Moon.

JOSEPH T. McCLELLAN, High Priest.

J. Newton Marshall, King. George G. Lennig, Scribe.

W. Henry Sutton, Treasurer. Thomas McCully, Secretary.

6 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 40 members.

Coudersport Chapter, No. 263.

Coudersport, Potter Co. First and Third Wednesdays.

DON CARLOS LARRABEE, High Priest.

Wm. Wallace Thompson, King. Charles A. Stebbins, Scribe.

Wm. Jackson Brown, Treas. Nelson H. Goodsell, Sec'y.

12 Marked; 12 Most Excellent; 13 Exalted; 1 admitted;
31 members.

Shamokin Chapter, No. 264.

Shamokin, Northumberland Co. Wednesday before Full Moon.

GEORGE B. GOULD, High Priest.

Curtis Q. McWilliams, King. Darius S. Gilger, Scribe.

Darlington R. Kulp, Treas. Oscar M. Robins, Secretary.

11 Marked; 11 Most Excellent; 11 Exalted; 10 admitted;
21 members.

Westfield Chapter, No. 265.

Westfield, Tioga Co. Friday on or after Full Moon.

WILLIAM H. VERMILYEA, High Priest.

Gilbert H. Tremain, King. Elijah H. Thompson, Scribe.

Lovel Plank, Treasurer. James Masten, Secretary.

12 members.

MARK LODGES.

Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91.

Philadelphia.

Second Monday.

WM. H. DOUGHERTY, Worshipful Master.

Edward G. West, Sr. Warden. Joseph Orr, Jr. Warden.

B. Frank Abbett, Treasurer. James Bleloch, Secretary.

1 admitted; 22 died; 29 ceased; 44 suspended; 3 expelled;
536 members.

Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214.

Philadelphia.

Second Tuesday.

THOS. B. REEVES, Worshipful Master.

Edward Strickland, Sr. Warden. Edwin Masson, Jr. Warden.

George W. Wood, Treasurer. Thomas S. Woodbury, Sec'y.

2 Marked; 6 died; 2 resigned; 590 members.

Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 216.

Philadelphia.

Third Tuesday.

WILLIAM H. STOYLE, Worshipful Master.

Charles W. Carns, Sr. Warden. Robert Wilson, Jr. Warden.

Thos. R. Patton, Treasurer. Samuel W. Wray, Secretary.

1 restored; 3 died; 454 members.

Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania,

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ANDREW ZANE, JR., CHAIRMAN.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

HELD AT

Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, March 6, 1884.

PRESENT :

Comp. AUGUSTUS R. HALL.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*

“ GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR....*M. E. Grand King.*

“ MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON....*M. E. Grand Scribe.*

“ THOMAS R. PATTON.....*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*

“ CHARLES E. MEYER.....*M. E. Grand Secretary.*

and the appointed officers in their respective places.

Past Grand High Priests.—Companions CHARLES E. MEYER
and HIBBERT P. JOHN.

Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 161, 169, 175, 183, 190, 195, 197,
198, 202, 208, 214, 218, 221, 223, 232, 233, 234, 240, 243, 248, 250, 251,
256, 257, 258, 262.

Grand Chapter opened in ancient and solemn form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held December 6th, 1883, and of the Annual Communication, held December 27th, 1883, were read and approved.

By-Laws and amendments to the By-laws were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws from the following Chapters: Nos. 150, 170, 173, 232, 236, 250.

A Communication from the Grand Chapter of Quebec was read and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

General Returns were received from all the Chapters except Nos. 21, 166, 178, 217, 231.

Ordered to be entered and filed.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted.

To the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:

The Committee on By-Laws have examined the following By-Laws and approved the same.

Chapters Nos. 150, 170, 173, 232, 236, 250.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN L. YOUNG.

The Grand Chapter was then "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the degree of a Royal Arch Mason. A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened and the Royal Arch Degree was then exemplified by the Grand Officers.

The Chapter of Royal Arch Masons closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

The Grand Chapter was closed in peace at 9 o'clock and 10 minutes, P. M.

CHARLES E. MEYER,

Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

HELD AT

Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, June 5, 1884.

PRESENT:

Comp. AUGUSTUS R. HALL.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*

“ GEO. W. KENDRICK, JR.....*M. E. Grand King.*

“ MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON....*M. E. Grand Scribe.*

“ THOMAS R. PATTON.....*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*

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Past Grand High Priests.—GEORGE W. WOOD, SAMUEL C. PERKINS, CHARLES E. MEYER, and HIBBERT P. JOHN.

Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 169, 174, 175, 181, 183, 190, 197, 198, 208, 214, 218, 221, 226, 232, 233, 234, 238, 240, 243, 248, 250, 256, 262.

Grand Chapter was opened in ancient and solemn form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of March 6th, were read and approved.

Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 52, 175, 226, also codes from Chapters Nos. 43, 150, 191, 193, 234, 236, 256, were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A Petition was received from Chapter 52 to receive a new petition from C. R., rejected in 1871. The petition was granted under the usual restrictions.

A letter was read from the late Secretary of Girard Chapter No. 213, asking that Dimits be issued to certain members, it appearing that at the time of the surrender of the warrant these members were indebted to the Chapter for annual dues, it was on motion ordered that Dimits be granted on the Companions complying with the law in such cases.

The Grand Secretary reported that returns had been received from all the Chapters and Mark Lodges.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report:

To the M. E. Grand H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania:

Your Committee on By-Laws beg leave to report that we have examined the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 152, 159, 161, 163, 164, 166, 169, 170, 172, 173, 175, 176, 177, 178, 180, 181, 183, 185, 186, 190, 194, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 205, 207, 208, 209, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 221, 222, 225, 226, 228, 229, 230, 232, 233, 237, 238, 239, 240, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 255, 256, 257, 258, and Mark Lodges Nos. 91 and 216, which were on file in the office of the Grand Secretary, and marked in them the parts which should be stricken out or amended, and caused them to be returned to said several bodies for correction. We would recommend Mark Lodge No. 216 to revise their whole code.

We have been unable to pursue a similar course with the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 162, 165, 167, 171, 174, 179, 182, 187, 192, 204, 206, 210, 211, 212, 220, 223, 224, 227, 231, 235, 241, 253, 254, 262, 263, 265, and Mark Lodge, No. 214, as there are no By-Laws of said bodies on file in said office as there should be, we would recommend the passage of the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That said Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 162, 165, 167, 171, 174, 179, 182, 187, 192, 204, 206, 210, 211, 212, 220, 223, 224, 227, 231, 235, 241, 253, 254, 262, 263, 265, and Mark Lodge No. 214 be required to forward to the Grand Secretary a copy of their By-Laws for an examination by the Committee.

The following By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws have been submitted to your Committee, and after having made a thorough examination of them, offer the following for your consideration:

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapters No. 43, 191, 193, 260, 264 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 234 be amended by inserting in Sec. 2 of Art. IV, immediately after the word "decide" in the last line the words "which shall be determined by the Chapter before proceeding to the election," and as thus amended said By-Laws be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 259 be amended, by striking out of Art. I the word "Holy;" by striking out all of Sec. 1 of Art. II; by striking out of Sec. 2 of the same article the word "regular," and inserting "stated" in its place; by striking out the whole of Art. V; by striking out of Sec. 1 of Art. VI all after the figures "\$5.00;" by striking out of Sec. 1 of Art. VII the words and figures "Art. 15th," and inserting "Sec. 103" in their place; by striking out of the same section the words "such security as the Chapter may deem satisfactory, and inserting "security in the sum of dollars for the faithful performance of his duties," with the blank filled by a specific sum; by striking out of Sec. 2 of the same article the word and figures "Art. 15th," and inserting "Sec. 104" in their place; by striking out of Art. IX the words "and at the same time pay all indebtedness to the Chapter or have the same remitted," and as thus amended said By-Laws be approved.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

Resolved, That all the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 52, except that to Sec. 1 of Art. II be approved; that the amendment to Sec. 1 of Art. II be amended by striking out "The stated meetings in July and August may be dispensed with at the pleasure of the Chapter," and as amended it be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 175 and 226 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 150 be amended by striking out of Art. II all after "7 o'clock, P. M.;" by striking out of Art. III all after the word "Pursuivant;" by inserting in said article the word "and" after the word "Chaplain;" by striking out of Art. IX the word "meeting" where it first occurs and the words "his resignation;" by striking out of Art. X the words "or who may withdraw;" by striking out of the same Article all after the word "remitted," and as thus amended said By-Laws be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 236 be amended by striking out of Sec. 2 of Art. III all after the word "stewards," and as thus amended said By-Laws be approved.

A printed copy of the By-Laws of Chapter No. 195, which was

approved by the Grand Chapter in December, 1883, has been submitted to your Committee, an examination shows that Sec. 3 of Art. VII of said By-Laws is in direct conflict with the last clause of Sec. 97 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and cannot therefore be considered as a law, we offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That Chapter No. 195 be instructed to strike out Sec. 3 of Art. VII of their By-Laws, being in conflict with the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted.

J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,

Chairman of Committee.

The Committee on Work and Jurisprudence presented a verbal report on the work. A portion, referring to the Royal Arch, was amended by Grand Chapter. The other portions of the work were reëffirmed.

They also offered the following, which was adopted by Grand Chapter :

Resolved, That Dr. W. made by Chapter under Grand Chapter of Scotland, not having the qualifications necessary to entitle him to the Royal Arch Degree in this Jurisdiction, we cannot recognize him as a Royal Arch Mason.

The Grand Chapter was then "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the degree of a Mark Master Mason.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened and the work exemplified.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

Grand Chapter closed in peace at 9.27 o'clock, P. M.

CHARLES E. MEYER,

Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

HELD AT

Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, September 4, 1884.

PRESENT :

Comp. AUGUSTUS R. HALL.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*

" GEO. W. KENDRICK, JR.....*M. E. Grand King.*

" MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON..*M. E. Grand Scribe.*

" JOHN THOMSON.....*M. E. Grand Treasurer, p. t.*

" CHARLES E. MEYER.....*M. E. Grand Secretary.*

Past Grand High Priests.—GEORGE W. WOOD, SAMUEL C. PERKINS, CHARLES E. MEYER and HIBBERT P. JOHN.

Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 150, 152, 169, 175, 181, 183, 190, 195, 196, 197, 198, 208, 215, 221, 232, 233, 234, 243, 248, 250, 251, 255, 257, 258, 262.

Grand Chapter opened in ancient and solemn form at 7.15 o'clock, P. M.

Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of June 5, 1884, were read and approved.

Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 150, 186, 187, 189, 204, 209, 220, 222, 227, 233, were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report :

To the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Grand Secretary respectfully presents the following annual report of the Chapters, Mark Lodges and membership of this Jurisdiction, for the year ending December 27, 1883.

CHAPTERS.

The number of members, December 27, 1882, was.....	10,419
Admitted during 1883.....	89
Marked, etc., during 1883.....	809
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	11,317

Restored to good Masonic standing, 26.

DEDUCT.

Resigned during 1883	98	
Died " "	115	
Suspended " "	178	
Expelled " "	4	
Membership ceased during 1883.....	14	
	<hr/>	409
Rejected " "	31	
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Members, December 27, 1883.....		10,908

MARK LODGES.

The number of members, December 27, 1882, was.....	1,686
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DEDUCT.

Resigned during 1883.....	2	
Died " "	31	
Suspended " "	44	
Expelled " "	3	
Ceased " "	29	
	<hr/>	109
Members, December 27, 1883.....		1,580
The number of Chapters, December 27, 1883, was.....		109
The number of Mark Lodges, " " " "		3

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. MEYER,

Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, SEPT. 4, 1884.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, in feeling terms, announced the death of Past Grand High Priest Comp. Daniel Thompson, and called upon Past Grand High Priest Comp. Samuel C. Perkins, who read the following memoir :

M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania :

Death comes to all, and at his own time and under his own appointment. The old must die, and so also must the young, though for the latter the approach of the grim destroyer may seem far off. Though so frequent, so sure and inevitable is the appearance of death among our relatives, our friends, our acquaintances, as well as among the mass of the human race unknown to us except by name or fame or the tie of a common humanity, yet it is fitting that at least a brief pause should be made amid the busy life of our ordinary affairs to notice the departure from the ranks of the living of one who has held high station in our ancient fraternity.

P. G. H. P. Comp. Daniel Thompson died June 19, 1884, but a few days after the last Quarterly Grand Communication of the Grand Chapter, in the 80th year of his age. He was the son of Gilbert and Sarah Thompson, and died at Bristol, Pa., where he was born January 23, 1805. His father died October 22, 1808, and the boy had but meagre educational advantages, though he acquired the elements of common English study at a private school, in his native place, under charge of William Harrison. When he was about fifteen or sixteen years of age he was placed in a cotton factory at Retreat, N. J., to learn the business of a machinist from Peter Cushman, with whom he finished his trade at Pleasant Mills, N. J. He was married January 24, 1828, to Susan Alcott Reen, daughter of John T. and Beulah L. Reen, of Mount Holly, N. J., and, in April of the following year, removed to Philadelphia and entered the employ of John Mingle, with whom he remained till about 1840, when he went into business for himself. The breaking out of the war, in 1861, interrupted his business, and he remained in Philadelphia, with varying fortune, till the latter part of May, 1878, when he removed to Bristol and remained there till his death. There were five children, issue of his marriage, three of whom died young, and two, Daniel James and Ellen Delina, together with his widow, still survive. His life was a quiet and uneventful one, and a reference to his Masonic relations will close this brief sketch.

He was initiated in January, 1837, in Philadelphia, Lodge No. 72, passed February of the same year, but the records do not show the date when he was raised to the degree of Master Mason. In

1838, he was elected Senior Warden, and in December, 1839, W. M. He became a Life Member of his Lodge, January 10, 1837, and was in good and regular standing at the time of his death.

He received the degree of Mark Master, January 8, 1838, in Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, was received and accepted M. E. M. in Harmony Chapter, No. 52, February 3, 1840, and exalted to the degree of Royal Arch in the same Chapter, March 6, 1840. He was elected Scribe of the Chapter in 1841, King in 1842, and High Priest in 1843, and was Treasurer in 1859 and 1860.

December 27, 1854, he was elected Grand Scribe of this Grand Chapter, and re-elected in 1855, elected Grand King in 1856, and in 1857 and 1858 was elected M. E. Grand High Priest, and at the time of his death was the oldest living Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter. His earliest appointment in Grand Chapter was in 1842, when he was appointed a member of the Committee on By-Laws, and was reappointed in 1843. He served as Grand Captain of the 1st Vail in 1845, of the 2d Vail in 1846, 1847, and 1848, and of the 3d Vail in 1849; and in 1850, 1852, and 1853, as Grand Principal Sojourner. From 1859 to the close of 1883, he was a member of the Committee on Work, and his services upon this Committee were of special value to the cause of Royal Arch Masonry. He was a close student of the work, with an accurate and retentive memory, and his opinion and judgment in this direction were highly esteemed.

He received the Cryptic Degrees in Philadelphia Council, No. 11, R., S. and S. E. Masters, was knighted in St. John's Commandery, No. 4, April 27, 1855, and subsequently resigned, but was afterwards readmitted and was a member thereof at the time of his death. April 3, 1866, he received the 32° of the Scottish Rite.

I offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, The M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania sincerely mourn the loss of their Companion M. E. Past Grand High Priest Daniel Thompson, and bear willing testimony to the value of his services to Royal Arch Masonry through the course of the forty-four years during which he was connected with the Chapter.

Resolved, That the furniture of the Grand Chapter and the jewels of the Grand Officers be placed in mourning for three months, as a token of regard for his memory.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of our deceased Companion.

On motion, the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS :—Your Committee on By-Laws, having carefully examined the several codes of By-Laws submitted to them, offer the following resolutions for your consideration :

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 150 be amended by striking out the fifth paragraph of Sec. 2 of Art. IV, and inserting in its place "He shall furnish every member (on his admission) with a printed copy of the By-Laws," and, as thus amended, said By-Laws be approved,

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 186 be amended by striking out of Sec. 2 of Art. V, all after the words "in any one case" and inserting "out of such moneys as the Chapter may place at their disposal for such purposes;" by striking out of Sec. 1 of Art. XII, the word "control" and inserting in its place the word "charge;" by inserting in Sec. 4 of the same Art., immediately before the word "Fund," the words "the Permanent," and, as thus amended, said By-Laws be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 189 be amended by striking out of Sec. 2 of Art. III, the words "an organist;" by striking out of Sec. 4 of Art. IV, the word "advancement," and inserting in its place the word "arrangement," and, as thus amended, said By-Laws be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 204 be amended by striking out of Art. X, all after the word "determine," and, as thus amended, said By-Laws be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 209 be amended by striking out of Sec. 1 of Art. V, the word "January," and inserting in its place the word "December," and, as thus amended, said By-Laws be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 222 be amended by striking out of Art. X, the words "and at the same time pay all arrearages to the Chapter (or have the same remitted)" and, as thus amended, said By-Laws be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 233 be approved.

In addition to those formerly reported, your Committee have

received copies of the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 187, 220 and 227, and we offer the following for your consideration :

Resolved, That Chapter No. 187 be directed to amend their By-Laws as follows : by striking out all of Art. II ; by striking out all of Sections 4 and 5 of Art. IV ; and by striking out all of Sec. 2 of Art. VIII.

Resolved, That Chapter No. 220 be directed to amend their By-Laws as follows : by adding, to the first paragraph of Art. II, the hour at which the meetings shall convene ; by striking out of Sec. 2 of Art. III, all after the word " concluded ;" and by striking out of Sec. 1 of Art. VII, the words and figures " Article XV, Letter C, Sec. 7," and inserting " Section 122 " in their place.

Resolved, That Chapter No. 227 be directed to amend their By-Laws by striking out of Sec. 3 of Art. III, the words " except the elective officers of the Grand Chapter ;" by striking out of Sec. 1 of Art. VII, all after the word " meeting," where it first occurs down to and including the word " remitted ;" by striking out of said Sec. the proviso, and by striking out of Sec. 3 of the same Art. the words " withdraw or."

Fraternally submitted,

J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,

Chairman.

PHILADELPHIA, SEPT. 4, 1884.

The Grand Chapter was closed in peace at 7.55 o'clock, P. M.

CHARLES E. MEYER,

Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT

Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, December 4th, 1884.

PRESENT:

Comp. AUGUSTUS R. HALL.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 " GEO. W. KENDRICK, JR.....*M. E. Grand King.*
 " MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON.....*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
 " THOMAS R. PATTON.....*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
 " CHARLES E. MEYER.....*M. E. Grand Secretary.*

District Deputy Grand High Priests.—JOHN J. WADSWORTH, SAMUEL L. FRENCH, JOSEPH H. SIMONDS, T. S. MCNAIR, ANDREW W. COX, D. H. SEIBERT, SAMUEL HARPER, J. G. KRAMER, J. H. DIBERT, T. S. ADLE, JESSE ORR and WILLIAM H. DILL.

Past Grand High Priests.—Companions GEORGE W. WOOD, SAMUEL C. PERKINS, MICHAEL NISBET, CHARLES E. MEYER, ANDREW ROBENO, JR., GEORGE E. WAGNER and HIBBERT P. JOHN.

Chapters, Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 150, 152, 159, 162, 163, 164, 166, 169, 170, 173, 175, 181, 183, 186, 190, 193, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 201, 203, 207, 208, 210, 214, 215, 216, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 226, 228, 229, 230, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 239, 240, 241, 243, 244, 247, 248, 250, 251, 255, 256, 257, 258, 260, 261, 263, 265—(67 Chapters).

Grand Chapter opened in ancient and solemn form at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held September 4th, 1884, were read and approved.

Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 152, 174, 182, 222, 237, 240, 242, 244, 248, 250, 259 and 265 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The following petition was received and read :

TITUSVILLE, PA., December 3d, 1884.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest Grand King and Scribe
of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania :*

Your petitioner would respectfully represent that he is a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, a member of Aaron Chapter of this jurisdiction located at Titusville, Pa., and furthermore, that he is a Past High Priest of the jurisdiction of Missouri, as shown by the certificate herewith. That he is desirous of being elected a Past High Priest of this jurisdiction in accordance with the laws of the Grand Chapter of the U. S. That he may become a member of your Grand body, etc.

Respectfully and Fraternally,

WALTER S. PAYNE.

Refers to M. E. Comp. J. R. Barber.

HALL OF BELLEFONTAINE R. A. CHAPTER, No. 25.

ST. LOUIS, March 2d, A. I. 2411.

This is to certify that M. E. Comp. W. S. Payne was elected, installed and served a full term as Most Excellent High Priest of Bellefontaine Royal Arch Chapter No. 25, held in St. Louis, of the Grand Jurisdiction of Missouri.

Attest :

E. V. KYTE,
Secretary.

On motion it was *Resolved*, that there was but one way by which Comp. Payne could become a member of this Grand Chapter, and that was to have served as High Priest of a Chapter within this jurisdiction for the period of one year.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report :

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members
of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania :*

COMPANIONS :

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Comp. Thomas R. Patton, from November 20th, 1883, and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, Comp. Charles E. Meyer, from November 20th,

1883 to November 20th, 1884, and found them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand November 20th, 1883.....	\$1,895 70
For dues and fees from Chapters and Mark Lodges.....	4,628 88
For interest on Masonic Loan.....	1,000 00
For interest on deposits of Grand Treasurer.....	47 78
For sale of Certificates, Constitutions, Attests, etc.....	38 00
Total.....	<u>\$7,610 36</u>

PAYMENTS.

Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest.....	\$1,200 00
Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests.....	631 07
Salary, Grand Secretary to Sept. 27th, 1884.....	750 00
Salary, Grand Secretary's Clerk to Sept. 27th, 1884.....	400 00
Salary, Grand Tyler to Sept. 27th, 1884.....	137 50
Rent from Sept. 30th, 1883, to Sept. 30, 1884.....	1,700 00
Printing, including Proceedings, Blanks, etc....	493 72
Tuning Organ, one year.....	40 00
Charity.....	75 00
Official Clothing, Crowns, Repairs, etc.....	113 75
Trunks for Robes, Repairs, etc.....	48 00
Office Furniture, etc.....	90 00
Postage, Expressage, Telegraphing, Stationery and Office Expenses, Grand Secretary.....	136 10
	<u>5,815 14</u>
Balance.....	<u>\$1,795 22</u>

With which to pay balances due on appropriations to December 27th, 1884, as follows:

Rent from Sept. 30th, 1884, to Dec. 30th, 1884.....	\$425 00
Salary of Grand Secretary to Dec. 27th, 1884.....	187 50
" Clerk " " " 	100 00
" G. Tyler " " " 	37 50
Tuning Organ to Dec. 30th, 1884.....	20 00
	<u>770 00</u>

Showing a balance of.....\$1,025 22

To which add amount due by Chapters, as per balance sheet..... 231 29

Showing a surplus over all appropriations and expenditures to December 27th, 1884, of.....\$1,256 51

We have examined the investments held by the M. E. Grand Treasurer, amounting to twenty thousand dollars, all of which are bonds of the five per cent. Masonic Loan, in the name of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and found them correct.

The Committee present the following estimate of receipts and expenditures for the year 1884.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand November 20th, 1844.....	\$1,795 22
Dues and Fees from Chapters and Mark Lodges.....	4,500 00
Interests on Investments	1,000 00
New Warrant.....	100 00
Sales of Constitutions, Certificates, Dispensations, etc.....	50 00
Total.....	\$7,445 22

EXPENDITURES.

Rent for 1885.....	\$1,700 00
Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest.....	1,500 00
" D. D. " " Priests.....	750 00
Salary of Grand Secretary.....	750 00
" Clerk.....	400 00
" Grand Tyler.....	150 00
Expenses of Grand Chapter, Masonic Clothing, etc.....	50 00
Printing Annual Proceedings, Postage, Station- ery, etc.....	650 00
Tuning Organ for 1885.....	40 00
Balances due on appropriations to Dec. 27th, 1884	770 00
	<hr/> 6,760 00
Showing an apparent surplus of.....	\$685 22

The Committee offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, That appropriations be made for the year 1885 as follows :

For Expenses of the M. E. Grand High Priest.....	\$1,500 00
" " D. D. Grand High Priests in visiting Chapters.....	750 00
For Rent.....	1,700 00
For Printing, including Annual Proceedings, Postage, Expressage, Stationery, etc.....	650 00
For Salary of Grand Secretary.....	750 00
" " Clerk.....	400 00
" " Grand Tyler.....	150 00
For Tuning Organ.....	40 00
For Masonic Clothing, etc.....	50 00
Total.....	<hr/> \$6,760 00

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be, and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrants on the M. E. Grand Treasurer for the amounts named in the foregoing resolution, as they become due and payable.

WILLIAM J. KELLY,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
CHARLES W. PACKER,
SAMUEL W. WRAY;
Committee on Finance.

BALANCES NOVEMBER 20th, 1884.

After the closing entries are made for the fiscal year 1884.

DR.		CR.	
Due by Chapters.....\$	366 10	Due to Chapters.....\$	134 81
Cash.....	1,795 22	Grand Chapter of Pa..	22,026 51
Investments.....	20,000 00		<hr/>
	<hr/>		22,161 32
	\$22,161 32		

On motion the Report of the Committee was received, and the Resolutions attached thereto, unanimously adopted.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report:

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the M. E. Grand H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania.

BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS:

Your Committee on By-Laws having carefully examined the various By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws, submitted to them offer the following resolutions for your consideration :

Resolved, That the By-Laws of Chapter No. 174 be amended by striking out the word "Holy" from Art. I and Art. IV; by adding to the first paragraph of Sec. 1 of Art. II "at 7 o'clock P. M.;" by striking out of Sec. 1 of Art. V the words "in all cases the full amount of the fees in money shall accompany the petition of the applicant," and as thus amended said By-Laws be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 182 be amended by striking out the whole of Sec. 2 of Art. II; by striking out of Sec. 2 of Art. IV the words "or upwards" and as thus amended said By-Laws be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 222 be amended by striking out the word "Holy" from Arts. I and IV; by adding to Sec. 1 of Art. II the words "at seven o'clock P. M.;" by making Sec. 2 of the same Article read, "If a special meeting is called at the instance of a brother, etc.;" by striking out of Sec. 3 of Art. III all after the word "concluded;" by striking out of Sec. 2 of Art. V the words "attend all meetings;" by striking out of Art. VI all after the last figures "5.00;" by striking out of Art. X all after the word "meeting" down to and including the word "remitted," and as thus amended said By-Laws be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 237 be amended by striking out of Art. VII the figures "5.00" after the words "Royal Arch Degree," and inserting "10.00" in their place, and as thus amended said By-Laws be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 244 be amended by adding to Sec. 3, of Art. IV the words "which shall be determined on the night of and before proceeding to the election;" by striking out the whole of Sec. 2 of Art. IX, and as thus amended said By-Laws be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 250 be amended by striking out of Sec. 3 of Art. III all after the word "concluded;" amend Art. X so as to read "any member desirous of withdrawing, shall give notice of the same in writing at a stated meeting, upon his having done so, his request shall be granted, and he shall, if he desire it, receive a certificate of such withdrawal," and as thus amended said By-Laws be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 259 be amended by striking out of Sec. 2 Art. III all after the word "stewards;" by striking out of Art. X all between the word "writing" and the words "his resignation"; by striking out of Art. XI all after the word "remitted," and as thus amended said By-Laws be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 152, 221, 242, 248 and 265 be approved.

AMENDMENTS.

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 240 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON.

PHILA. Dec. 4th, 1884.

Chairman.

On motion the Resolution and Report were adopted.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report which was ordered spread upon the Minutes ;

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4th, 1884.

To the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS: The Committee on Printing and Publishing respectfully report that they have approved during the present Masonic year bills to the amount of \$493.72.

Fraternally submitted,

DENNIS F. DEALY.

Chairman.

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the
Grand H. R. Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS :

Your Committee on Charity respectfully submit the following report :

Inasmuch as the several Charity Funds of the R. W. Grand Lodge, of Pennsylvania, Subordinate Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters of this jurisdiction, are happily provided with ample and increasing means, and their representatives so earnestly and thoroughly perform their work of aiding our poor and needy brethren, Companions, their widows and orphans; that your Committee has made but a single call upon the generosity of this Grand Chapter, during the past Masonic year.

The sum of fifty dollars was granted for the relief of a well-known and highly esteemed P. G. officer of this Grand Chapter, who through the infirmities of an advanced age and inability to follow his occupation, required some assistance. It is a happy reflection, to know that this gift, along with appropriations made by our other Masonic bodies, contributed to make his last days more comfortable. Our respected Companion has since gone to that "bourne from whence no traveler ere returned." His remains now rests peacefully among his kindred and friends, near the place of his birth.

It has been the earnest desire of our M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion A. R. Hall, that the Charity Committee should be more thoroughly organized and established for active usefulness and extended duties. In compliance therewith, the Committee

has given the subject some attention. Upon revising the reports of the Committees of former years, to this Grand Chapter, we do not find any action has been had towards creating a permanent Charity Fund, with the usual Rules and Regulations to govern the distribution of its revenue.

The few cases requiring aid of this Grand Chapter heretofore, were made to and acted upon directly at stated quarterly Communications. Your Committee therefore have not at this time any new ideas or propositions to offer; feeling assured, that should it be found necessary in the future, the Grand Chapter, in its wisdom, will establish a fund sufficient to meet all demands made upon it for the relief of our Companions in distress.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD STRICKLAND,
B. FRANK ABBETT,
PETER E. WEISER,
DAVID S. CRAVEN,
CHARLES E. PIKE,
Committee on Charity.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4th, 1884, A. I. 2413.

Companion Louis Wagner called the attention of the Grand Chapter to the Home for Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, that a house had been rented at 3337 North Broad street, and that the Home would be formally opened on January 1st, 1885, next, and extended a cordial invitation on behalf of the Board of Managers for the members of Grand Chapter and Royal Arch Masons to be present and assist in the ceremonies.

This being the time for holding the Annual Election of Officers to serve for the Masonic year beginning on St. John's Day next, Companion Augustus R. Hall declined a re-election, tellers were appointed, who reported the following Companions duly elected:

Comp. GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
" MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON.....*M. E. Grand King.*
" JAMES S. BARBER.....*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
" THOMAS R. PATTON.....*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
" CHARLES E. MEYER.....*M. E. Grand Secretary.*

The following amendment to the Constitution was offered and action postponed until the Quarterly Communication in December, 1885:

Add to Sec. 97, Page 39, the following words, "The annual dues for all Chapters located in the City of Philadelphia shall not be less than six dollars.

Offered by Harry J. Brooks, Keystone Chapter, No. 175.

The subject of North-East Chapter at North-East was referred to the Grand Officers and Committee on Finance with power to act.

The Grand Chapter was closed in peace at 8.45 o'clock.

CHARLES E. MEYER,

Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

HELD AT

Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, St. John's Day, December 27, 1884.

PRESENT :

- Comp. AUGUSTUS R. HALL.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 " GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR....*M. E. Grand King.*
 " MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON...*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
 " THOMAS R. PATTON.....*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
 " CHARLES E. MEYER.....*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
 " HENRY R. COULOMB.....*Grand Captain of the Host.*
 " JOHN KELLER, JR.....*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
 " JAMES S. BARBER.....*Grand R. A. Captain.*
 " A. C. W. BEECHER.....*Grand Master of 3d Veil, p. t.*
 " JOHN H. DYE.....*Grand Master of 2d Veil.*
 " ARTHUR H. WOODWARD.....*Grand Master of 1st Veil.*
 " EDGAR FRIES.....*Grand Pursuivant.*
 " EDWARD MASSON.....*Grand Marshall.*
 " JOHN L. YOUNG.....*S. G. Master Ceremonies, p. t.*
 " JAMES BLELOCH.....*J. G. Master Ceremonies, p. t.*
 " WILLIAM A. SINN.....*Grand Tyler.*

Past Grand High Priests.—GEORGE W. WOOD, MICHAEL NISBET, CHARLES E. MEYER, GEORGE E. WAGNER, WILLIAM C. HAMILTON, M. D., HIBBERT P. JOHN.

Companion GEORGE W. WOOD, Grand Representative of Grand Chapter of Virginia.

" MICHAEL NISBET, of Grand Chapters of Nova Scotia and Oregon.

Companion CHARLES E. MEYER, of Grand Chapters of New York, Illinois, South Carolina, Iowa, Massachusetts, Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, Grand Mark Lodge of England, Wales and Quebec.

- Companion HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
 " JOHN L. YOUNG, of Grand Chapter of Maine.
 " THOMAS R. PATTON, Grand Chapters of Nebraska
 and Canada.
 " WILLIAM J. KELLY, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
 " AUGUSTUS R. HALL, of Grand Chapter of Indiana.
 " JAMES S. BARBER, of Grand Chapter of North Caro-
 lina.
 " ELLSWORTH H. HULTS, of Grand Chapter of Rhode
 Island.

Representatives of Chapters Nos. 3, 52, 91, 169, 173, 175, 183, 202, 208, 232, 233, 240, 248, 250, 251, 256, 257, 258, 262.

The Grand Chapter opened in solemn form at 6 o'clock and 10 minutes, P. M.

GENERAL RETURNS were received from Chapters 159, 162, 171, 172, 173, 175, 176, 182, 185, 197, 199, 204, 206, 214, 215, 220, 221, 222, 227, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 244, 248, 250, 255, 257, 258, 260, 263, which were ordered to be entered and filed.

Communications from Grand Chapter of Quebec were presented by the Grand Representative of that Grand Chapter, and by the M. E. Grand High Priest, and was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

A communication was read from Chapter No. 52, asking permission to receive and act upon the petition of A. T., rejected in Chapter No. 183; there being no objection from Chapter No. 183, on motion permission was granted under the usual restrictions.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report (*see Appendix*), which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Augustus R. Hall, then presented the following report, which was listened to with marked attention by the Companions.

COMPANIONS:

With the present, ends my official term as M. E. Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter.

Upon retiring from the exalted station, it is a duty and in keep-

ing with custom that I should render to you an account of my stewardship of the sacred trust confided to my care, as well as to say a few words expressive of the feelings dominant in my heart at this time, and that I trust may be deemed fitting and becoming to the present occasion.

However arduous and exacting the duties appertaining to the position, and however anxious and desirous one may feel to fulfill its requirements with fidelity and with satisfaction to the Companions, and to himself; and however much relieved many would suppose him to be who had taken upon himself its cares and responsibilities when he knew that these were to pass from him and to be assumed by another, yet I cannot but regret that the time has come for its accomplishment, for the labor has been one of pleasure and of love to my Companions and to the Royal Art, and it causes a pang of sorrow when I realize that the pleasurable and gratifying associations established with those Companions who have accompanied me on calls of duty are now in a measure to be severed.

In my frequent intercourse with them I have learned to love them as brethren of our great Fraternity, and to know that though some may wear a cold and indifferent outer semblance, yet this is only the casket, that contains within it a warm, true heart, throbbing with the impulses of love and affection for their brethren and their fellow-men, and experience has taught me that there is a bright spot in the heart of every one.

During the year we have had the misfortune of losing one of the members of this Grand Chapter, Past Grand High Priest Companion Daniel Thompson. Companion Thompson, at the time of his death, was the oldest P. G. P. of this Grand Chapter.

Suitable mention has been made of our Companion by P. G. H. P. Samuel C. Perkins, and is on record on the minutes of this Grand Chapter. Whilst we mourn his loss and express our bereavement, let us thank our Heavenly Father that the hand of death has dealt sparingly with us.

Since I last had the pleasure of addressing you, the Masonic Home, the organization of which was then under consideration, has become an established fact. A charter has been obtained, and a complete organization has been effected. A property has been rented at Broad and Ontario streets, and a formal opening of the Home will take place January 1, 1885.

Thus has been accomplished a measure, too long delayed, which will redound to the credit of the Craft, and our disabled and worthy Brother Masons will be assured of a haven of rest during their declining years.

Many of our Masonic bodies have already made themselves members of the Home, and the three Mark Lodges (Columbia, Girard and Excelsior) have collectively donated \$4,000 as the

nucleus of a permanent fund, the interest to be used toward sustaining the institution, and I hope this noble example will be followed by others, until the fund will be of sufficient amount, the income from which will place it beyond all future needs.

It affords me much pleasure in bespeaking for it your best consideration, and one well worthy of your support and encouragement.

It is gratifying to note the growing interest and increased attendance at the meetings of the Grand Chapter. At the last Quarterly Communication we had with us Companion members an unusually large number, showing that Capitular Masonry is receiving that attention which it merits, and that the Companions are learning to appreciate the beauties of its ritual and the solemnities and moral character of its teachings.

It is matter of congratulation that the finances of the Grand Chapter continue in a prosperous condition. For further details, I refer you to the full and satisfactory report of the Committee on Finance.

During the year, grand official visitations have been made to the several Chapters meeting in the city of Philadelphia, as well, also, to as many as practicable located outside of the city. Reports of the M. E. Grand Secretary showed that nearly all of them were in a prosperous and satisfactory condition. The most of them were doing work, and the rituals were rendered in strict conformity to regulation. Addresses were made giving such advice and instruction as seemed fitting to the occasion.

In November I directed the Worshipful Masters of the several Mark Lodges to call a special meeting of their Lodges on Friday evening, November 14th, 1884, for the purpose of meeting with the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter. The meeting was very satisfactory, there being in attendance upwards of two hundred Mark Master Masons.

The report of the M. E. Grand Secretary showed the excellent condition, financially, of each Mark Lodge, the aggregate amounting to nearly \$37,000. I delivered an address commending the Lodges for their liberal bestowal of Charity, and suggesting that if they could not resume work, as in former years, it would redound to their credit everlastingly should they establish a permanent fund, the interest of which to be used for charitable purposes. The Mark degree was exemplified by the Grand Officers. That this Grand visitation has had a beneficial effect is already evidenced by the action of the several Mark Lodges at their meetings following this visitation by cheerfully donating to form a nucleus of a fund, the interest to be used for the benefit of the Masonic Home. That the Mark Lodges are in such a healthy financial condition is an evidence that they must have done much work in former years, for latterly they have done nothing, so to speak, and

have been living on their money realized in the times of their prosperity.

It seems to me that some action should be had to restore the Mark Lodges to their usefulness of former years. The Grand Chapter, when it established them, authorized them to confer the Mark Degree on candidates who had not previously passed the Chair in a Lodge of Master Masons. After a time the Grand Chapter enacted a law requiring candidates to pass the Chair before receiving the Mark Degree. From thence dates the decadence of the Mark Lodge. The reason given for the change was that the Mark Lodges were working injury to the Chapters. This is only a mercenary view at best. Furthermore, what evidence have we that such was the case, or that the change has benefited the Chapters. None. And the query arises, When two make an agreement, how can one morally break it?

The result of these visitations have been very satisfactory. In every instance the Grand Officers have been received with much cordiality, a lively interest has been manifested by the Companions and a spirit of activity engendered that must ultimately be beneficial to the craft.

I requested the M. E. High Priests of the several Chapters to give more attention to the Royal Arch Degree. Not that the Mark and Most Excellent Degrees should be neglected, for they form a part of one harmonious system, but, because heretofore, the Mark Degree particularly seems to have absorbed the attention of the Officers, for what reason, I am at a loss to conceive.

The Royal Arch Degree in its solemnity, impressiveness, and in *its* moral and religious exemplifications stands alone. It is the degree of the Chapter and is the most sublime Degree of Ancient Craft Masonry. It needs only to be studied, to learn and appreciate its beauties. I have also suggested to them not to confer more than two degrees at one meeting. It is impossible to render the rituals properly unless ample time is given to do so, and any High Priest who detains the Companions, oftentimes, until an unseemly hour of the night, cannot find fault with those Companions if they leave the Chapter before it closes at other times, or else neglect the meeting altogether.

On these visitations I have been accompanied by a full corps of Grand Officers, each one of whom has contributed his best efforts to their success. It affords me much pleasure to extend to them my sincere thanks for their prompt and cordial response to every call of duty, and I also desire to acknowledge with pleasure the many attentions given to the Grand Officers by the District Deputy Grand High Priests and the Companions of the several Chapters. The intelligence of the Officers of the Chapters has been noteworthy and gratifying, showing that the Companions have conferred their honors on worthy and competent persons.

The subjects of Life Membership and annual dues are becoming of such importance and obtaining such a position that it will be necessary ere long, for this Grand Body to take action therein. The system of Life Membership of itself is to be commended. For instance, a brother joins a Chapter, and at the time is supposed, financially speaking to be fully able to do so, at the same time it is fair to infer that he is capable of purchasing a life membership, which he neglects to do. Sooner or later he meets with the reverses of fortune, as we are all exposed to the vicissitudes of life, and from which none are exempt, he becomes unable to pay his annual dues, allows himself to be suspended and thus we lose to the Fraternity many a good man, who, if he had made himself a life member when he was able at the time of his initiation would have continued with us. The objection heretofore has been, and is now that the price for life membership is too low and the money obtained therefrom has been spent, instead of being invested, and the interest only used, and the Chapters ere they were aware of it, became insolvent and without sufficient income to pay their expenses.

The Grand Chapter should fix a limit for life membership, and no Chapter should be permitted to take a less sum, and the amount so obtained required to be invested, and the interest only used.

So it is with annual dues. A small Chapter without a partially or wholly sustaining invested fund, must charge their members enough annual dues to enable them to pay their expenses. A large Chapter, numerically, having about the same expense is enabled to charge less dues than one with fewer members, thereby offering inducements for applicants to the detriment of weaker Chapters. The consequence is that the weaker Chapter languishes and becomes financially embarrassed and ultimately ceases to exist. This should not be, the Grand Chapter should regulate this as well as the question of life membership. It is folly to say that this is a question over which the Grand Chapter has no control. It has as much right to legislate on these questions as it has on the question of the price of admission, which it has already done. Beside the Grand Chapter is morally bound to protect and encourage by all honorable means those Chapters that it has brought into existence, and this can work no detriment to others, and a cheerful acquiescence in the measure will give a practical exemplification of those sentiments of harmony, good will and brotherly love, which we teach in the various degrees. Companions, keep this in your mind and extend a helping hand to your Companions in time of need. Probably you will say that you do not need the money for the expenses of your Chapter, perhaps not, but there are many commendable ways in which you can dispose of it. Let your charity be as grateful and diffusive as the incense arising from

your oblations to heaven, and remember that in "charity there is no excess."

I have made the following appointments :

Companion Sylvanus Cobb, Jr., as Grand Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

Companion J. L. H. Long as Grand Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Ohio.

I have granted permission to Grand High Priest of New Jersey to receive and act on petition of a resident of Pennsylvania in two instances.

To Grand High Priest of Maryland to receive and act on the petition of a resident of Pennsylvania.

Asked permission of Grand High Priest of New Jersey to receive and act on petition of a resident of New Jersey, and an applicant to St. John Chapter, No. 232, of Philadelphia.

I appointed Wm. H. Dill, of Clearfield, as D. D. G. P. for Chapters Nos. 186, 201, 228, 238, 241 and 255, in lieu of Companion J. Simpson Africa, who requested to be excused from serving.

I have granted Dispensations as follows :

Restored the Warrant of Honesdale Chapter, No. 204, and granted a dispensation to elect their officers.

Granted a dispensation to Columbus Chapter, No. 200, to elect a Secretary, owing to the death of the Secretary elect.

Granted dispensation to Chapter No. 173, to elect a Secretary, former Secretary declining.

Granted dispensation to Chapter No. 21, to elect a Secretary, former Secretary declining.

Granted dispensation to Media Chapter, No. 234, to hold an election of officers, in consequence of there not being a sufficient number of members present to hold a meeting on their regular night.

Decisions have been rendered as follows :

Question. Can a Chapter refuse to receive the resignation of a Companion who has paid all his dues, and against whom no charge is pending?

Answer. No.

An unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason can apply for membership to any Chapter in any jurisdiction that he may select.

Applicants to Chapters and Mark Lodges must sign their names in full to petitions.

The Mark must be recorded in the Lodge in which the brother has received the degree of Mark Master Mason, and within the time specified.

The High Priest of a Chapter is not bound to secrecy (as to members of the Chapter of which he is a member) as to the name of the objector to an applicant for the degrees.

The objection must be made in open Chapter, and the name of the objector (not the objection) entered on the minutes.

The objection is not equivalent to a rejection, and may be withdrawn in accordance with Section 3, Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

The Companions or Brethren, however, are pledged to secrecy (except to members of the Chapter or Lodge of which they are members) as to the proceedings of a Chapter or Lodge.

Should a Chapter or Lodge act on an application for initiation and membership, or for membership, before receiving a reply from the Grand Secretary, in accordance with Section 115, Constitution, the name of such applicant will be stricken from the rolls.

Communications from the Grand Chapter, M. E. Grand High Priest or the M. E. Grand Secretary must be spread in full upon the minutes. The Chapter or Lodge has no control over said communication, therefore a motion is not permissible.

It requires three Royal Arch Masons to be present to open a Chapter. The Degree cannot be conferred unless six Royal Arch Masons are present. The Warrant must in every case be present.

No High Priest can become a member of Grand Chapter unless he has served one full year as High Priest of a Chapter within this jurisdiction. At the time of installation the High Priest must receive the order of High Priesthood, when there must be present three Past High Priests who have received the order of High Priesthood.

A petition cannot be withdrawn after a favorable report and ballot.

Chapters and Lodges must adopt By-Laws.

Chapters must elect Representatives annually.

A vote cast, if even in error, at an election of officers cannot be changed after the ballot has been declared closed.

The Tylers when acting as such of Chapters or Mark Lodges must be fully clothed in official clothing (collar, apron and jewel, and sword). This applies to every officer of a Chapter or Lodge.

The form of By-Laws adopted by the Committee on By-Laws say "the Secretary shall issue a summons over the seal of the Chapter," etc. See page 133 of the Constitution.

In some cases I have been asked, Is it imperative that this section should be inserted in the By-Laws of a Chapter or Mark Lodge.

I have answered that it is not, and have invariably advised that it be not so inserted.

A summons is not intended to be used as a means of collecting

debts. It is entirely within the province of the Chapter or Mark Lodge, and is too important an act to be issued except in extreme cases, and when so used should be rigidly enforced.

Further: too much of the inner workings of the Fraternity is already made public, and it is time to cry quit.

The notices of some of the Secretaries read as follows: "The Grand Chapter not requiring a summons, you will receive no further notice." This is entirely superfluous. If a Brother or Companion will not pay his dues, there are but two reasons why: either he cannot pay them, or he will not pay them. If he is so situated that he cannot pay, then his indebtedness should be remitted. If *he can*, but will *not* pay, after the proper notification, then he should be suspended at once.

The M. E. Grand High Priest has the power of conferring the Capitular degrees on an applicant without the formal method of a report from an investigating committee and a ballot.

But I have always held that this right should be exercised only in extreme cases and when satisfactory reasons can be given for so doing, and not then except by the unanimous consent of the members present, such consent to be ascertained by ballot; and in all cases where I have exercised this right this custom has been strictly adhered to.

I have received a communication from the Grand Zerrubable of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, in reference to a dispute between said Grand Chapter and the Grand Mark Lodge of England, as to jurisdiction over the Mark Degree within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

The communication is referred to this Grand Chapter for such action as it may deem advisable.

It is matter of regret that there should be any misunderstanding between these Grand Bodies, and I trust an amicable agreement will be had.

Finally, my Companions, permit me to thank you for the invincible kindness, consideration and friendship manifested toward me during the eight years that I have had the honor of serving this Grand Chapter, that kindness which has been always characterized by amiability, that consideration which knows no excess to its generosity, that friendship which is constant, bounteous, plentiful and fraternal. "May a monument be erected to me in your hearts, as it is to you in mine." May peace and prosperity reign in your midst; may the approval of a good conscience be your reward; may the blessing of heaven be your constant companion through the rugged path of life, guiding you to that haven of rest, that peaceful abode of the blest, "that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

So much of the Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication of December 4th, 1884, referring to the election of Grand Officers was read.

All but Past High Priests, who had received the order of High Priesthood, having retired.

Companion George W. Kendrick, Jr., was installed as M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging. He was duly proclaimed as such and received the salutations of the Craft.

Companion Michael Young, High Priest-elect of Chapter No. 256 ; J. Newton Marshall, High Priest-elect of Chapter No. 262, were also installed as High Priests of said Chapters, and had the order of High Priesthood conferred upon them.

The Companions who had retired were re-admitted when the following Grand Officers were severally installed, and were each duly proclaimed and received the salutations of the Craft:

Comp. MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON.....*M. E. Grand King.*

" JAMES SHALLCROSS BARBER.....*M. E. Grand Scribe.*

" THOMAS R. PATTON.....*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*

" CHARLES E. MEYER.....*M. E. Grand Secretary.*

The M. E. Grand High Priest Companion George W. Kendrick, Jr., then addressed the Companions in the following words :

PHILADELPHIA, *December, 1884.*

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER:—It is with unusual satisfaction that we greet you here to night as an assemblage of Representative Companions who are faithful to the interests of Royal Arch Masonry. I confess I feel proud to stand before this audience appreciating as I think I do its present significance, and I hope, its far-reaching influence. Its office, high or low, is to be taken as a personal gift or viewed as a personal promotion.

As I find myself face to face with my Companions, standing upon the threshold of a new Masonic year, I am reminded of the past and its experiences ; of the future and its prospects. Knowledge can only be gained by experience, and those who have passed

through our solemn ceremonies, knelt at our altar, assumed our sacred obligations, need not be reminded of their duty to their Companions, to their Chapter and their God, that, however, we may be separated and kept apart, we belong together.

Is there an exhortation more worthy of humanity which a Companion can offer a Companion than, Friendship, it is the gem of this life upon which more real happiness can be reflected than any other.

How often does the young Companion and the old one also, as they look upon all this, say to themselves, if not to each other, What is the use of all this? The experienced student will answer, It is not the outward show, nor the glistening of the tinsel, but the inmost recesses of the heart, which prompts us to realize and reciprocate the beautiful lessons taught us in the Chapter Ritual. If you have a true companionship, for it to work through, there is nothing so abstruse, that it will not turn freely into life.

It behooves every Companion to look well into the character of his would-be Companion, see if he has been tried and true, not wanting in the balance, but ready to advocate the just claims of Brethren.

You will have preservation of the Capitular Degrees. See to it that it is kept in your power, and your hands clean, pure and strong, shall bear up the ark of the covenant; therefore as lovers of our Order and her institution, we must be upon our guard and use all honorable means for her successful triumph. As a rule the Grand Officers are prompt and efficient, and we may add our wish that the officers of Subordinate Chapters were as generally attentive to their duties, it is there that laxity and neglect are more likely to creep in; while we rejoice in our honors we must remember our responsibilities. The Companion who accepts a trust and fails to fully meet its requirements is untrue to himself, to the power that honored him and forgetful of his duty as a Brother. That your aims may be high, your efforts persistent, your motives pure, is my fervent wish, and I trust that our action may be the harbinger of that reign of harmony, good will and unity throughout the jurisdiction. There is a mantle which cloaks our beneficence and forbids our ever recording our good deeds, leaving them to be judged by the "One All Seeing Eye."

Capitular Masonry, through the efforts of those having it in charge, has grown to an astonishing magnitude, standing as the Peer of any sister jurisdiction, proudly recognized as a bright meteor in the glaring firmament of the Royal Arch.

Having assumed the Sceptre in this Grand Body, I shall look for that encouragement which will bring to the station all the vigor, zeal and fidelity which my humble efforts may command. I trust my endeavors may not be construed as to leading to any

changes from the well-established and systematic regulation so well adapted for the perpetuity of this noble branch of Masonry. Too much attention cannot be given by the adherents to the work in all its details, beautiful without embellishment, grand ; when delivered in an artistic manner, it impresses the bearer with the honor and glory of its sublimity.

Generous rivalry will prove beneficial, the officers should vie with each other in their endeavoring to expound the ritual correctly, and in such a pleasing manner as to create an enthusiasm among the craft as will command their attendance and attention at all the meetings, thereby awakening a new interest which must of itself redound to the credit of those whom they have the honor to represent. No Chapter can continue to have a prosperous career unless its members feel a deep interest in its prosperity. Regular attendance, better than anything else, will tend to strengthen the interest.

Feast, and your halls are crowded ;
 Fast, and the world goes by ;
 Succeed and give, and it helps you to live ;
 But no Companion can help you die.
 There is room in the halls of pleasure
 For a large and lordly train,
 But one by one we must all file on
 Through the narrow aisle of pain.

Rejoice, and Companions will seek you ;
 Grieve, and they turn and go ;
 They want full measure of all your pleasure,
 But they do not heed your woe.
 Be glad, and your friends are many ;
 Be sad, and you lose them all ;
 There are none to decline your neclared wine,
 But alone you must drink life's gall.

I earnestly request that the District Deputies, out of personal pride and of peculiar interest to this Grand Chapter, visit the Chapters in their Districts as frequently as possible, and impart such information and instruction as will perfect them in the strictest sense to a direct conforming to the Ritual in all its details and phraseology as laid down by the Grand Chapter.

I shall conform to the strict requirements of the law, visiting, instructing and imparting such information as I may gather from the noble example of those who have so safely guided the helm.

The M. E. Grand High Priest was then pleased to announce the following appointments for the ensuing Masonic year :

Grand Captain of the Host :

Comp. ELLSWORTH H. HULTS.

Grand Principal Sojourner :

Comp. STOCKTON BATES.

Grand Royal Arch Captain :

Comp. EDWARD P. KNIPE.

Grand Chaplains :

Comp. Rev. THOS. J. DAVIS, D.D.

Comp. Rev. HENRY S. GETZ, D.D.

Comp. WM. A. PIPER, M.D.

Grand Master of Third Vail :

Comp. FRANCIS MUHLENBERG, M.D.

Grand Master of Second Vail :

Comp. JOHN W. HASELTINE.

Grand Master of First Vail :

Comp. CHARLES H. DOWNING.

Grand Marshal :

Comp. EDWARD MASSON.

S. G. Master of Ceremonies :

Comp. SAMUEL I. GIVIN.

J. G. Master of Ceremonies :

Comp. EDWIN H. COANE.

Grand Pursuivant :

Comp. HARRY T. KINGSTON.

Grand Tyler :

Comp. WM. A. SINN.

Committee on Work and Jurisprudence :

Comp. AUGUSTUS R. HALL, P. G. H. P.,

" HIBBERT P. JOHN, P. G. H. P.,

" WM. C. HAMILTON, M. D., P. G. H. P.,

" JOHN KELLER, JR.

In conjunction with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Committee on Finance :

Comp. WM. J. KELLY,
 " CHARLES W. PACKER,
 " M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
 " SAMUEL W. WRAY,
 " WM. N. VIGUERS.

Committee on Correspondence :

Comp. SAMUEL HARPER,
 " E. COPPEÉ MITCHELL,
 " ALEXANDER H. MORGAN,
 " HENRY R. COULOMB,
 " ISAAC C. PRICE.

Committee on By-Laws :

Comp. J. ALEX. SIMPSON.
 " WILLIAM A. MORTON,
 " JOHN L. YOUNG,
 " JOHN W. LEE,
 " CHARLES W. NOLEN.

Committee on Appeals :

Comp. SAMUEL C. PERKINS, P. G. H. P.
 " LOUIS WAGNER,
 " ANDREW ZANE, JR.,
 " B. FRANK ABBETT,
 " IRVING P. WANGER.

Committee on Charity :

Comp. JOHN H. DYE,
 " DAVID S. CRAVEN,
 " PETER E. WEISER,
 " CHARLES A. ZERBE,
 " A. C. W. BEECHER.

Committee on Printing and Publishing :

Comp. DENNIS F. DEALY,
 " CHARLES CARY,
 " ARTHUR THACHER,
 " WM. B. MEREDITH,
 " EDGAR FRIES.

District Deputy Grand High Priests :

The Counties of Mercer, Crawford and Lawrence will be under the M. E. GRAND KING, COMP. MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON.

- 1.—Companion SAMUEL HARPER, of Pittsburgh, for Counties of Allegheny, Washington, Greene, Butler, Fayette, Westmoreland, Beaver and Armstrong.
- 2.—Companion ANDREW J. KAUFFMAN, of Columbia, for Counties of Lancaster, Adams and York.
- 3.—Companion WM. CAMPBELL, of Media, for Counties of Delaware and Chester.
- 4.—Companion JOHN I. BEGGS, of Harrisburg, for Counties of Dauphin, Cumberland and Franklin.
- 5.—Companion THADDEUS S. ADLE, of Norristown, for Counties of Montgomery and Bucks.
- 6.—Companion JESSE ORR, of Reading, for Counties of Berks and Lebanon.
- 7.—Companion DAVID H. SEIBERT, of Pottsville, for County of Schuylkill.
- 8.—Companion LUTHER M. FINE, of Easton, for Counties of Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon and Monroe.
- 9.—Companion SAMUEL L. FRENCH, of Plymouth, for Counties of Luzerne, Lackawanna, Pike and Wayne.
- 10.—Companion JAMES H. CODDING, of Towanda, for Counties of Bradford, Wyoming, Susquehanna, Sullivan and Tioga.
- 11.—Companion JOSEPH H. SIMONDS, of Bradford, for Counties of McKean, Elk and Potter.
- 12.—Companion WM. F. SHAY, of Watsontown, for Counties of Lycoming, Clinton, Elk, Snyder and Union.
- 13.—Companion WILLIAM G. KRAMER, of Danville, for Counties of Northumberland, Columbia and Montour.
- 14.—Companion JOHN H. DIBERT, of Johnstown, for Counties of Cambria, Somerset, Indiana and Blair.

- 15.—Companion WM. H. DILL, of Clearfield, for Counties of Clearfield, Centre and Cameron.
- 16.—Companion H. M. VAN ZANDT, of Lewistown, for Counties of Mifflin, Bedford, Huntingdon, Juniata, Fulton and Perry.
- 17.—Companion ANDREW W. COX, of Oil City, for Counties of Venango, Clarion, Jefferson and Forrest.
- 18.—Companion JOHN J. WADSWORTH, of Erie, for Counties of Erie and Warren.

Grand Chapter closed in peace at 8.20 o'clock, P. M.

CHARLES E. MEYER,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence offer their Annual Report. They have reviewed the proceedings of the following Grand Jurisdictions; they being all that was received.

Arkansas.

California.

Canada.

Georgia.

Illinois.

Kansas.

Maine, 1883, 1884.

Maryland.

Minnesota.

Mississippi.

Missouri.

Nebraska.

Nevada.

New Hampshire.

New Jersey.

New York.

North Carolina.

Oregon.

Scotland.

South Carolina.

Virginia.

Washington Territory.

ARKANSAS.

The thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the City of Little Rock, on Thursday the 29th day of November, 1883. All the Grand Officers were present. The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, after which the Grand High Priest, John J. Sumpter, delivered his annual address.

The financial condition of the Grand Chapter is good.

No report on Correspondence.

CALIFORNIA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of this State assembled at its thirtieth Annual Convocation in the City of San Francisco, on Tuesday, April 8th, 1884. The Grand Officers were all present, with twelve Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King and the Representatives of fifty chartered Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. The Grand High Priest, Leonidus E. Pratt, delivered his annual address. It begins as follows :

“COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA :

“The morning of the year has dawned again and with it comes our glad and joyous reassemblage. The fields put on their emerald glow ; the flowers spring and bud and blush and blossom ; the coming harvest springs in embryo with every wantonness of joy ; the heart of the husbandman is full of sweet delight, and Nature sings in glad acclaim her hail and welcome to the early spring. Fire, famine and pestilence, the wild and desolating storms which have desolated other lands and homes, and seemed the heralds of the wrath of GOD, have touched us gently, spared us, and passed over us. The early and the later rains have fallen upon us copiously, but as gentle and refreshing as the summer dews. The eternal love and benedictions of the Infinite are with us, and we are doubly blessed.

“It is a goodly thing to give thanks and praise for blessings and benedictions. If we have not earned them, if we do not deserve them, so much the more should we be devoutly thankful for them. Let us pause then, for a moment, and each by his own faith, and in his own way, send up his recognition and his thanks to that Supreme Intelligence which pervades and governs the universe, be he known as GOD, JEHOVAH, JOVE, or LORD.

“But while we recognize the Almighty hand that rules and shapes our destinies, let us not forget that by that same Intelligence we have been endowed with faculties which must not sleep, and charged with duties which must not be ignored. While we strive to place ourselves in accord with the laws and influences which may best prepare and mature us for the unknown hereafter, let us be no less diligent in the discharge of the trust and duties incumbent on us here. Let us not forget that to do well and faithfully whatever we are charged with doing, is as obligatory upon us as it is to prepare ourselves for that which awaits over the border, in the realm of doubt, and mist and mystery. Indeed, it is only by diligence in the one field that we can prepare ourselves properly to enter upon the other. Precept without practice is a drooping sail, with no filling breeze to move the sluggish hulk.

“If we herald to the world that Freemasonry is a sublime system of morals and ethics, calculated to ennoble and exalt, and purify, and adorn the human character, we must establish these pretensions by exhibiting in our own lives such fruits of our Masonic training, culture and experience.

"It can scarcely be denied that the world, that humanity, is growing colder and more selfishly practical. The nobler impulses, the holier aspirations, and the loftier purposes of life are smothered or lost sight of in the wild and reckless wrestle for fortune, fame, or position. Let us, measurably at least, set our breasts against this demoralizing storm, and make Freemasonry once more practically what it has always been in theory, the grandest of all human institutions.

"Exalted sentiment, though wrapped in polished and well rounded periods, will not clothe the naked, feed the famished, nor heal the sick and suffering. The tears of the desolate will flow in spite of gorgeous moral formulas, and neither prayer nor exhortation will turn back the piercing blast from homeless and defenceless childhood. Let us mingle something more of homely relief with our holy pretensions and saintly invocations!

"But while I essay to preach and moralize, you are impatient to learn what your servant has done since your last Annual Convocation. The truth is, my good companions, that I have done nothing; and I flatter myself that I have done it remarkably well. Indeed, I had forgotten that I was Grand High Priest until Friday last, when the Grand Secretary reminded me of the fact, and admonished me that I would be expected here this morning to give an account of my labors. Labors indeed! The mountains labored and brought forth a mouse. But there is this comfort: If one has nothing to do, it is ordinarily very difficult for him to make a mistake in doing it. But this being Grand High Priest is too much like being a knob on a log. You are not even required to *look* wise. There is no luxury in governing when you have no opportunity to exercise your authority. I *don't* like it. When I was Grand Master I could manage to get a charter or two every year, suspend a few Masters, and order some reprobates on trial; and I *did* like that. It was a great pleasure to take some wanton brother by the throat and shake him over the bottomless depths of Masonic infamy. But you Royal Arch Masons are altogether too well behaved to be interesting. You are too good, entirely too good for this earthly tabernacle. You ought to be in heaven, all of you. You have not treated your Grand High Priest with proper consideration and respect. You should have done some wickedness, in order that he might have the pleasure of chastising you. Your conduct has been ridiculously proper, and I am nauseated of it. Not a single muss in the whole jurisdiction in twelve months, and I Grand High Priest and aching for it! It is absurd! I want no more of it."

A queer case is presented:

"A novel condition of things, something without precedent and without analogy, so far as I can learn, occurred in *Plumas* Chapter, No. 58. Early during their term of office the entire Council, High Priest, King and Scribe removed permanently from the State. The Chapter could not ask for a dispensation to hold an election for officers in the manner prescribed by your Constitution, for there was no one who had authority to convene or open the Chapter for such a purpose. The body was at a deadlock. It was perfectly powerless. It could take no action whatever. To wait for the period of the coming annual election would not help matters. Still there would be no one (except the Grand High Priest) authorized to convene or open the Chapter; and it was impossible for the Grand High Priest to visit the locality. But

there is a legend of the common law to the effect that there can be no wrong without a remedy ; and under which somewhat vague and indefinite maxim the practice grew up in the Chancery Courts of England, and was brought by the early colonists to America, of inventing new writs or remedies for such novel cases as they arose. In like manner I thought there must be some remedy for this evil. There was but one of two things that could be done. I must either issue a dispensation for an election without an application therefor made in strict compliance with your Constitution, or the Chapter must remain in a state of perpetual suspension, in other words, practically extinct. After some reflection, I concluded that the power, under the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, to dispense with a strict compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, and to issue the dispensation upon a somewhat defective and informal application, rests in this Grand Body by virtue of its reserved and inherent rights and powers as the supreme legislative, executive and judicial sovereign of Royal Arch Masonry in this State ; and, further, that during the recess of the Grand Body, that power can be properly exercised by the Grand High Priest. I am aware that this was venturing on dangerous ground, and I tried to avoid it. For when we once depart from the strict letter of the organic law, we afford a sort of pretext for a careless or reckless Grand High Priest (should such a one ever come into office) to involve us in almost inextricable confusion. But I considered the case an extreme one, and one which would afford no precedent except for precisely the same action upon exactly the same state of facts, should they again arise. Upon these reflections altogether it seemed that no practical harm could be possibly done by restoring the Chapter to life and action. I accordingly, after consultations with older, wiser and more experienced companions than myself, but, I confess, with some hesitancy and fear and trembling, at the prayer of a goodly number of the companions of the disabled Chapter, issued a dispensation authorizing a Past High Priest to convene the body and hold an election.

"There is an adage known especially to the medical fraternity, that desperate cases require desperate remedies. *Plumas* Chapter was sick, very sick. It was in sore need of prompt treatment ; and I did not then see, nor have I yet discovered what other remedy I could have prescribed. You may diagnose and treat the case better than I did. But the patient has recovered under my treatment, and there is nothing so successful as success."

We especially call attention to the following :

"On the twenty-fourth day of August last, contrary to my own taste and judgment, but yielding to the advice and solicitation of those who had preceded me in this chair, and to whose wisdom and opinions I felt bound to defer, I convened the Grand Chapter for the purpose of acting in conjunction with the Grand Commandery as an escort to the Grand Lodge at the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the Garfield Monument in Golden Gate Park in this city. Having said that this special convocation was adverse to my own thought, I ought, perhaps, to assign some reasons why it was so. They are few, simple, and will be readily comprehended by all of you, although they may not be shared or concurred in by any of you. First, we are coming rapidly to make too much display and parade of our Masonic standing and

handsome apparel. We are gradually drifting away from that simplicity and those practical features of Freemasonry which in our early experience so charmed and delighted us. We compromise our faith and our teachings, and we belittle our profession by too much Masonic display and too little Masonic labor. Not but that it was a very proper piece of Masonic work for the Grand Lodge to lay the corner-stone of that monument; but I am weary of seeing that body, which is our supreme head and front, and to which we all owe our highest loyalty and allegiance, dwarfed and overshadowed on such occasions by the ostentation, gilt and tinsel of what *profanes*, because they know no better, are pleased to call the *higher* degrees. Our sovereign—the Grand Lodge—is sunk and lost sight of. The impression left upon the mind of the thoughtful and considerate profane, the very class to whom we should commend ourselves, is anything but favorable. They come to look upon us as more given to fuss and feathers, to vanity, ostentation and display, than to the practical work which we profess. Moreover, on such occasions, in theory at least, we are there to do the practical work of operative Masons. We are there ostensibly to handle bricks and stones and mortar, and to wield the implements of the Craft in the actual work of building.

“Now, what sort of a figure would a Knight Templar cut, burdened with his costly and cumbersome clothing and accoutrements, carrying the hod or wielding the dressing hammer? What sort of a figure would the Grand High Priest cut, in his robes and paraphernalia and breast-plate and mitre, spreading mortar and adjusting bricks and stones in the projected edifice? It is ridiculous—it is farcical! If I were to have my own way about it (which I am quite confident I never shall have), on such occasions every person in the procession should go clad in the simple badge of a Master Mason—the plain lamb-skin apron—as if he were ready *practically* for the work which in *theory* he is there to perform. The theory and practice should, to that extent at least, be made to harmonize.

“It is true, as some of you may perhaps respond, that during my own Grand Mastership of four years, such occasions were numerous and important, and there was then the same ostentation and display as on the late occasion. But then, as at the late demonstration, it was permitted as a kind of compliance to a long established custom and practice, and in deference to the opinions and advice of my seniors in Masonic lore, and not because my own judgment approved it. My own views were then just what they are now. I solemnly avow that if I were Grand Master again, I would clear the garden of all these weeds and brambles. As it is, I can only fire this futile shot. Nobody will be hurt by it, and the Masonic fraternity will be just as comfortable as if I had kept my lips sealed. The grasses will still spring to adorn the rugged face of Mother Earth; the flowers will still exhale their fragrance. Suns will still rise and set, moons will wax and wane, and tides will ebb and flow, and the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery will still avail themselves of every possible opportunity for a public exhibition of their elegant dress and Masonic standing. Selah!”

After saying this much, he adds, as a sort of salve:

“Now, my good Companions, I feel a great deal better. I have unburdened my soul. I am at rest. As already suggested, you have all been so exquisitely good during the last twelve months,

that this was my only chance to growl or grumble. I don't quite like this excessive quiet. I like the attrition of wrestle and war. I should have died from a surfeit of bile and venom, if I had not had this little opportunity for relief."

The following shows the condition of the work during the year :

Number exalted during the year.....	380
“ affiliated.....	68
“ restored.....	18
“ petitioners for Chapter.....	9
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Total increase.....	475
Number withdrawn.....	98
“ excluded.....	18
“ suspended for non-payment of dues.....	36
“ died.....	51
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Total decrease.....	203
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Net increase.....	272

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a handsome balance on hand after all claims met.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. Thomas Hubbard Caswell.

The proceedings of thirty-eight Jurisdictions were reviewed, Pennsylvania being among the number.

CANADA.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Toronto on the eleventh day of July, A. D. 1884.

The Grand Officers present with a great number of Grand Superintendents, Past Grand Officers, Grand Representatives and Past First Principals. Fifty-four subordinate Chapters represented.

The M. E. Grand Z. Henry Macpherson delivered his annual address. He gives a retrospect of the history and position of the Royal Craft in Canada, from which we quote :

"Previous to the year 1857 the Chapters in Canada were held under warrants issued from the Grand Chapters of England, Ireland and Scotland, but a number of leading Companions

believing it would be for the best interests of the Royal Craft to unite together and have all Royal Arch Masons under one control and that a local one, took measures to establish a Grand Chapter for Canada, which was successfully done in the year 1857. For the purpose of shortening my review I will divide it into three periods of nine years each. The beginning of a work of this kind is, of course the most trying, commencing with but three Chapters, having to prepare a suitable constitution for their Grand Body, to so present themselves to the various Chapters in Canada as to secure their adhesion, and to the sister Grand Chapters throughout the world as to secure their recognition, we may see they had an arduous as well as a noble work to perform. At the ninth annual Convocation there were twenty-four chapters working under the Grand Chapter of Canada, with a membership of 847 and an income that year of \$611; and the Grand Chapter was in friendly communication with nearly all the Grand Chapters of the world. Grand Chapter, however, was not at that time entirely free from debt, there being still some liabilities incurred during the early years unsettled, but it was able to look forward to a prosperous future.

"During the second period the prosperity of Grand Chapter was very great. It had passed through the trying period of formation and was firmly established on a basis from which I trust it will never be removed. Peace and harmony prevailed through its borders. Its affairs had been wisely managed, and it had attained a well-known reputation with its sister Grand Chapters throughout the world. At its eighteenth annual Convocation, it had under its control sixty-seven Chapters, with a membership of 3,102; its receipts were \$1,791.93, and it had a fund on hand amounting to \$4,281.48, a marvellous increase in every respect for such a limited period.

"It could not be expected that this great increase should continue during the third period of nine years now ending. During the former period nearly all the Chapters holding under English, Irish or Scotch warrants had given in their allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Canada. There has also, in the third period, been a daughter born unto us "The Grand Chapter of Quebec," which with the entire consent of this Grand Chapter was formed in December, 1876. Permission was given by the Grand Chapter of Canada for the Chapters under its jurisdiction in Quebec to meet, and if considered desirable to form a Grand Chapter for the Province of Quebec at the annual Convocation in 1874. And at an especial Convocation of this Grand Chapter held in February, 1877, for the purpose of considering the matter, the Grand Chapter of Quebec was recognized and welcomed as a sister Grand Chapter and has since been recognized and welcomed as such, by the other Grand Chapters of the world.

"It has also been the policy of this Grand Chapter not to issue warrants for Chapters near other Chapters, or in places, where, from the paucity of lodges, it was not thought sufficient good material might be found to ensure the successful working of a Chapter.

"Prosperity, however, has continued, and notwithstanding the loss in numbers sustained by the formation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, during the third period of nine years now closing the number of Chapters on our roll has increased to eighty; the number of members to 3,734; the annual receipts to \$2,542.02, and Grand Chapter, notwithstanding the greatly increased calls for benevolence and other purposes, has a fund amounting to \$9,370.90."

The finances of the Grand Chapter are in a most flourishing condition.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Henry Robertson, Chairman of the Committee. He reviews thirty-two Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being fraternally mentioned.

GEORGIA.

This Grand Chapter assembled in Annual Convocation at Macon, on Wednesday, the 30th day of April, 1884, and was opened in ample form.

All the elective Grand Officers were present and Representatives from twenty-four Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand High Priest delivered his annual address. He says :

“ COMPANIONS :—I greet you, I congratulate you, that the mercy of the Almighty has brought you thus far, safely. I rejoice with you that His omnipotent hand has sustained us and kept us.

‘Now lift our joyful song,
With chorus loud and strong,
Oh ! praise him evermore !
With each changing season new mercies revealing,
His infinite kindness to us hath He shown.’

Old *Alma Mater* Earth, since we last met, has seen her fondest hopes blasted, her most promising plans thwarted, her most earnest efforts end in failure and defeat, and all go down in disaster and ruin amid the wintry storms and tempests ; but bathing herself in the fabled ‘Fountain of Youth,’ she appears to-day in verdant loveliness, inspired with new hopes, enthused with new purposes, strong in her determination to dispense joy and gladness to every heart. She has put aside the past with her habiliments of woe, at the fountain ; she has no past now to retard her ; she is concerned only with the present, and is busily engaged with the work of the present hour, in filling up the waste places and making the ‘desert to blossom as the rose.’ Let us learn a lesson from our nourishing mother. Let us not spend time, my dear Companions, in useless regrets at our failures, nor waste too many valuable moments in lamenting the sad termination of crushed plans ; nor give way too often to bitterness at our own defeats. We lose time, valuable time, and opportunities by these sorrows, lamentations, and regrets, and, worse than all, we show our distrust of Him ‘who doeth all things well.’ As the infinite is above the finite, so His ways are above our ways, His purposes are superior to our purposes, and we should submit gracefully and cheerfully whenever the Omniscient One sees fit to interfere with our plans, satisfying ourselves that we have given them the benefit of our best judgment and efforts. Let us console ourselves by the reflection that we are strengthened by trials, refined by

adversity, and perfected by defeat. The noble oak grows stronger and stronger by resisting the storms; so our characters become more and more symmetrical by meeting with occasional defeat. Such, my Companions, is the lesson I would have you learn from the spring-time; with each disaster rise with faith in Him 'whose mercy endureth for ever,' and put forth renewed and redoubled energies."

Three old Chapters have been resuscitated and set to work.

He also says:

"To the members of the corps reportorial, who have been pleased to notice my efforts in preceding years, I am grateful for their leniency in passing over the faults of my annual effusions, and thankful that amidst the chaff they have sometimes found a grain which they could commend. Long life to you, gentlemen of the Mutual Admiration Society.

I trust that Georgia will at once place a Companion on the watchtower who can inform us of Masonic progress in other jurisdictions.

The Report on Finance shows a small balance after debts paid.

No Report on Correspondence.

ILLINOIS.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in Chicago, October 25th, 1883, the Grand Officers present.

The M. E. Grand High Priest Samuel Shannon delivered his annual address, one of local interest.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a handsome balance. The total membership is 12,407.

Companion Theodore T. Gurney presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence. He reviews the Proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania is mentioned fraternally and with just comment.

KANSAS.

The Nineteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the hall of Lawrence Lodge, Lawrence, on Tuesday, February 19th, 1884.

All the Grand Officers were present. A Constitutional number of Representatives of Subordinate Chapters being present, Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest Henry M. Waters delivered his annual address. We quote the following with approval:

“COMPANIONS :—We have been taught ‘that as we advance in Masonry, our duties and obligations to ourselves and to our brethren correspondingly increase,’ hence, as Royal Arch Masons we should be particularly careful, both by precept and example, to maintain before the outside world as well as before brethren who have not attained this sublime degree, a character above reproach. I do not say that perfection—never yet attained by mortals—should be looked for in a Royal Arch Mason. But I do say, Companions, that we should abandon every habit and eschew every vice, which can in the remotest degree bring our Order into disrepute. In this connection, I remind you that the blasphemer and drunkard are greatly out of place when among Royal Arch Masons. Words of warning against these vices have not been wanting, yet, though not generally prevalent, they continue to exist and thus damage the good name of the Order. In the language of our Worthy Grand Secretary referring to the latter vice, we observe ‘it is indulged in by too many of our Companions, some of them even in high places. To all such we must in candor say if you cannot refrain, step down from your official place, and be honest enough not to draw censure and odium upon an Order which has so highly favored you.’”

The following Dispensations for new Chapters were issued :

Neosho Falls Chapter.

Douglas Chapter.

Pittsburg Chapter.

The Grand Treasurer’s Report shows a good round balance.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Companion John H. Brown. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania being among the number fraternally mentioned.

MARYLAND.

The proceedings of the 86th year of this Grand Chapter is before us. The Grand Chapter assembled in the city of Baltimore on Tuesday, November 13th, 1883.

The Grand Officers were all in their stations and places when the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

After the appointment of the usual committees and the transaction of some purely local business, the M. E. Grand High Priest, C. V. S. Levy, delivered his annual address. It contains nothing of general interest.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a fair balance.

The Chairman of the committee on Correspondence, Comp. E. T. Schultz, presented his annual report. He reviews thirty-five Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being mentioned fraternally.

MAINE, 1883.

This Grand Chapter held its fifty-eighth Annual Convocation at Portland, on the first day of May, 1883. The Grand Officers present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form. Forty, out of the forty-five Subordinate Chapters represented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest read his annual address. It is entirely of local interest.

The Grand Treasurer's Report of the finances shows the condition to be good. The abstract of returns shows 4,107 Chapter Masons in the jurisdiction.

Comp. Josiah H. Drummond presented the report of the Committee on Correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of forty-four Grand Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania is fraternally mentioned.

MAINE, 1884.

The Proceedings of the fifty-ninth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter are before us. It was held in the city of Portland, on Tuesday, May 6th, 1884. All of the Grand Officers were present, and representatives from thirty-seven Subordinate Chapters. Quite a number of Past Grand Officers and representatives of twenty-one foreign jurisdictions.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Frank E. Sleeper, read his annual address, from which we quote :

COMPANIONS :

"The day fixed by the Constitution of our Grand Chapter as that on which we should annually assemble having now arrived, it is with much pleasure that I welcome you to this our Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation.

"So swift has been the flight of Time since we were last met in this hall in Grand Convocation, that it seems to me as though it were but yesterday that you placed in my hand the emblem of masonic power, and confided to my guidance the important interests of Capitular Masonry in Maine. And yet, since that event, a year has been taken from Time, and lost in Eternity. How the fleeting moments which composed it have been spent by us, who survive it; whether in bringing pleasure to ourselves and honor to the Institution which we so much love, by visiting the sick and the afflicted, comforting the widow and the fatherless, contributing with open hand to the necessities of the poor, and leading back to paths of wisdom and virtue those who have wandered therefrom; or whether in bringing unhappiness to ourselves and dishonor to our Institution by yielding to licentiousness, intemperance, and the many temptations which constantly beset us, by engaging in unbrotherly strifes with our Companions, and neglecting to visit our masonic homes, each one of us best knows for himself. But certain it is that our acts, our words, yea, even the secret thoughts of our hearts, have been placed upon indelible record, to be approved or condemned by the Supreme Grand High Priest of the Universe.

"During the past year we have been abundantly blessed. Earthquakes, and cyclones, and fires, and floods, which have wrought such havoc in many portions of our country, have passed us by unscathed.

"The foul breath of pestilence has not been blown upon us, nor has the bloody hand of domestic violence done us harm.

"As citizens, our harvests have been plentiful, our manufacturing and mercantile interests have been fairly profitable, and our mechanics and laborers have generally found steady and remunerative employment.

"As Companions, our membership has had a healthy growth. Our interest in the Royal Art has not waned; sociability and a desirable interchange of civilities between neighboring Chapters have been promoted. Peace and prosperity have attended us."

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows an excellent condition of the finances.

The returns shows 4,254 Royal Arch Masons in the State.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. Josiah H. Drummond. Whatever Comp. Drummond undertakes to do is done in a masterly manner. He reviews the proceedings of forty-seven Grand Jurisdictions. It comprises 100 pages of finely printed matter, and is full of valuable

extract and comment. Much time has been devoted in its preparation, and we trust it will be read by the craft generally. It looks like love's labor lost when we reflect upon the fact that so few ever know what is going on in the way of correspondence. In this connection we might urge upon Masons generally the importance of reading what is so carefully collated.

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed.

MINNESOTA.

The Proceedings of the Twenty-second Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter comes to us with the phototype in front of A. T. C. Pierson, the Grand High Priest of this Jurisdiction in 1859. A grand face and head, and the very embodiment of good sense and good humor.

Companion Pierson is at present the Grand Secretary, and we should think, from the picture before us, that the Jurisdiction is blessed with a most excellent officer. It would indicate a man of seventy years of age, mentally and physically robust, and good for a dozen years to come.

The Convocation was held in the city of St. Paul, on Tuesday, October 9, 1883. All the Grand Officers were present, and a large number of Companions, representing twenty-eight Chapters. Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, when the Grand High Priest, W. J. Hahn, delivered his annual address. He says :

"We, as R. A. Masons, have peculiar reasons to be thankful and greatly to rejoice, if the year which has just closed may be regarded as indicating the future of Capitular Masonry in Minnesota. Peace and harmony have prevailed in all the Chapters in this Jurisdiction. No 'sound of hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron,' has been heard. Our numbers have been increased and I doubt not the overseers have carefully examined all the material brought up for the buildings and have permitted none to pass that was not properly squared, numbered and marked ; that none but "good work, true work and square work," has been accepted ; that there will be no necessity hereafter to urge singularity of form, or beauty of proportions, as an excuse for the reception of material that was neither calculated to support, nor to adorn our noble structure. Only 'he that is truly square, well polished and uprightly fixed, is qualified to be a member of our most honorable society.' These prudent precautions are abso-

lutely necessary if we are to have a hearty growth in this branch of Masonry ; and if it be apparent, therefore, that the application of chisel and mallet will work no improvement upon material brought up for inspection, better cast it among the rubbish, however comely or inviting it may have appeared in the quarry, than to mar the symmetry, or threaten the stability of our structure, by the use of material unfitted for any part."

The address closes as follows :

" Companions, the duties of this assembly will soon come to a close, and we will return to our homes to engage in our various occupations. As we do so, let us endeavor in our own daily lives and conduct, to exemplify the tenets of our profession. Let brotherly love prevail—that brotherly love, by the exercise of which we as Masons are taught 'to regard the whole human species as one family—the high and low, the rich and poor ; who as created by one Almighty Parent and inhabitants of the same planet are to aid, support and protect each other ;' that brotherly love that is no respecter of stations, but recognizes that

" 'E'en the smallest fragile flower,
That bends at morn beneath its weight of dew,
Is planted in God's will, and shows his power,
As well as all the worlds in yonder blue.'

" Let us remember that to relieve the distressed is a duty particularly incumbent upon us ; that 'to soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortune, to compassionate their miseries and to restore peace to their troubled minds, is the grand aim we have in view.' Can aim be higher or purpose nobler than this ? Let hypocrisy and deceit be unknown among us. Let 'sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us, and the heart and tongue join in promoting each other's welfare, and rejoicing in each other's prosperity.' "

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the financial condition to be good.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. A. T. C. Pierson. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Jurisdictions, and, for some reason, the proceedings of Pennsylvania was not received, and hence we are left out of the review.

MISSISSIPPI.

This Grand Royal Arch Chapter held its Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Jackson, on Monday, February 11, 1884.

All the Grand Officers were present. Many Past Grand Officers also present. A quorum having been announced, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The address of the Grand High Priest, B. T. Kimbrough, was the first business in order, and from it we make a quotation.

"I congratulate you, my Companions, on being permitted, by the mercies of God, in whom we trust, to assemble yourselves together in this your Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation. I trust we have all come for work with hearts full of fraternal regard for each other and heads full of well-devised plans for the promotion of the interests of our Order.

"The year just gone has been one of increased prosperity to Masonry, attributable, no doubt, largely to the general financial improvement in this State."

The Grand Treasurer's report shows finances with all debts paid.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. P. M. Savery, for the Committee. He reviews twenty-nine Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania, for the year 1882, being fraternally mentioned.

MISSOURI.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Missouri convened in the city of St. Louis, at Freemasons' Hall, commencing at ten o'clock on Thursday morning, May 8th, A. D. 1884; A. I. 2414.

All the Grand Officers present. The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Alex. M. Dockery, delivered his annual address. He says:

"Masonry, in this 'Magnificent Empire of Missouri,' occupies a commanding position, with a constantly increasing power and influence. Thirty-eight years ago this Grand Body was organized with four Chapters, and a membership of less than one hundred; to-day, ninety-seven Chapters gem the galaxy of our Grand Jurisdiction, and more than five thousand Royal Arch Masons bow around our altars. What wondrous changes have been wrought in these thirty-eight eventful years! The dim pathway of the pioneer has broadened into the highway of Empire, and Missouri is no longer an outpost of Western civilization, but to-day is the very center of political and commercial Empire. Then we were the 'west'—now Missouri stands at the gateway of the vast, growing, vigorous, almost illimitable west, that stretches away from our western border to the land of orange groves and gold beyond the rocky range. Our own peerless State, now the fifth in population and eighth in area among the sisterhood of States, is making rapid strides in the race for commercial supremacy; the rich mineral treasures that lie underneath our soil

are being brought forth by the labor and ingenuity of man, and adding annually large sums to the aggregate of our wealth. Our fertile soil is everywhere being brought to its highest productive capacity; thousands of beautiful farms are spreading out before us; hundreds of thriving towns and cities are dotting our State like the stars that stud the 'universal dome'; lines of railway are stretching here, there and everywhere, bringing to this and other great cities the rich products of our soil. All about and around us we see the highest evidences of almost unparalleled activity in the material world.

"But, my Companions, is Masonry doing her full duty? Are the thirty thousand Masons of Missouri measuring up to the opportunities that so invitingly beckon them to glorious conquest in the grand arena of moral effort? My Companions, let us catch the inspiration of the hour, and, while men are developing farms, unearthing treasures, projecting lines of railway, opening up to commerce the waterways of the country, building cities, piling up fortunes, let us, in the moral world, perform a work enduring as the ages, and which shall live long after these creations of man's genius shall have passed away and been forgotten. Our mission is to relieve distress, comfort the sorrowing, take care of the sick and dying, and, by all proper efforts, seek to elevate and ennoble mankind."

The Report of the Grand Treasurer shows an excellent condition of the finances. A balance credit of \$5,676.34, very good.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. William H. Mayo. A well prepared report. Pennsylvania is not reviewed from the fact of our proceedings not having reached them.

He says in his conclusion:

"We have devoted a great deal of time and labor in the preparation of this report, and as all will plainly see we have occupied considerable space, more so than on any former paper of the kind. We have endeavored hard to select only such extracts from the Proceedings of the Jurisdictions reviewed, after carefully reading each through (sometimes twice), that are of interest, and our comments have, as a rule, been few, short and pointed, giving, of course, our individual opinions on the subject under discussion, conscientiously what we believed to be right and just and Masonic. If we have erred, it has been in judgment and not of the heart. We sincerely hope that into whomsoever of the many Craftsmen's hands this paper falls, they will devote a few hours to its careful perusal, thereby posting themselves upon what is being done in other Grand Chapters all over the land; and, as we lay down our pen and draw a long breath of satisfaction and contentment, because we are at the close of a report that pleases us better than any former one, we hope that at least a majority of our many readers may be satisfied with our efforts. We cannot hope to, and do not expect to please all, and even for the 'chronic growler' and 'constitutional kicker' we have the kindest feelings and sympathy. To all we say, 'As you would have others do unto you, do ye even so unto me.'"

NEBRASKA.

The Proceedings of this Grand Chapter comes to us, as usual, bound in red, and with a picture, in front, of some distinguished Mason, this time with the face of their M. E. Grand High Priest, William H. Munger. We would like to be better acquainted. From it we should judge he is the right man for such a high and important office.

The Grand Chapter held its Seventeenth Annual Convocation at Grand Island, on the 4th day of December, 1883; all the Grand Officers present.

The Grand High Priest delivered his annual address. After giving an account of his stewardship, he concludes as follows:

“And now, my Companions, such, in brief, has been my official action during the past year, a year in which each and every industry within our State has received its rich reward. We have had abundant reasons to render our thanks to the great I AM for His bounteous blessings. Our Royal Craft in prosperity has kept even pace with each and every avocation, evincing a warm and earnest devotion by our Companions to the precepts of our Order. But while we have cause for rejoicing, owing to our general prosperity as individuals and Masons, we have been reminded that death, the great leveler of the human race, has visited our own and sister jurisdictions, and called to their eternal home some of the most useful Craftsmen. How important it is that we strive to do good work, true work and square work, so that the memories of our lives may be to our surviving Companions an example of noble manhood and true benevolence.”

The returns show a net gain of R. A. Masons during the year of 133.

No report on Correspondence.

NEVADA.

This Grand Chapter held its Ninth Annual Convocation at Virginia City, June 12, 1882. All the Grand Officers were present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, when the M. E. Grand High Priest, Frank Bell, presented his annual address. As to the condition of the Craft, he says:

“No discord or contentions have arisen among the Craft. No grievances have been presented. Peace and harmony prevail, not

only at home, but with all jurisdictions with which we are in correspondence.

"This year, like the last, has been one of great depression in business matters throughout the jurisdiction, yet the condition of the Royal Craft has been prosperous. We have lost many members by removal, but new material coming in has kept our roll up in numbers."

Grand Treasurer's report shows a good condition of finances.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Companion John D. Hammond, in his usual able and fraternal manner. We have not the time for much more than quoting the remarks of others, and a short statement of the Proceedings. If any new questions arise, we will give our views.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation of this M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter, was held at Freemasons' Hall in the City of Concord on Tuesday, May 20th, 1884. Most of the Grand Officers were present; a number of Past Grand Officers, Past High Priests and Representatives of 17 Grand Chapters.

The M. E. Grand Chapter was opened in ample form after which the M. E. Grand High Priest delivered his annual address. He says:

"I congratulate you that by the blessing of Divine Providence, we are again permitted to assemble in annual convocation for the interchange of fraternal greetings, the consideration of matters of interest to the Royal Craft, and for the discharge of the duties devolving upon us as members of this grand body.

"The past year has been one of continued peace and prosperity within our jurisdiction, and no controversy has arisen to mar the kindly relations existing between the subordinate Chapters. The interest in Capitular Masonry which has been evinced by all with whom I have had official relations, has been, with scarcely an exception, of the most encouraging character; and as I have during the past year visited every Chapter in the State, I am able from personal observations to offer an assurance of continued progress.

"That the members of this Grand Chapter retain an unabated interest in the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry, is evinced by the goodly number here present; and our humble acknowledgments are due to the Supreme High Priest who has preserved us that we may again offer devotions at our consecrated altar."

The Committee on Chapters and Returns reported as follows :

Number of members in 1883.....	2,348
Exalted.....	119
Admitted to membership.....	126
Restored.	2
Dimitted	18
Died	42
Membership forfeited (N. P. D.).....	21
Membership in 1884.....	2,395
Increase.....	47

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a good condition of finances.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Companion A. S. Wait. He reviews 36 Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania for some reason omitted.

NEW JERSEY.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the City of Trenton, on Wednesday, September 12th, 1883. Most of the Grand Officers were present with a number of Past Grand Officers, Past High Priests, and Representatives from 28 subordinate Chapters.

The Grand High Priest delivered his annual address. He states that nearly all the Chapters in the Jurisdiction are prosperous, and some have made large additions to their number. One new Chapter was constituted, Goodwin Chapter No. 36, at Manasquan.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a good balance remaining in the treasury.

Companion George B. Edwards presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

Companion Edwards quotes from our former report the following, and adds his criticism as follows :

"I cannot understand how Companion Edwards can from my report draw the conclusion that I am in favor of having total abstinence embraced in the regulations of Masonry. In my review of Oregon I did endorse a resolution condemning profane language and retailing spirituous liquor, and said also that the resolution was defective in not embracing the wholesaler as well, *i. e.*, if we had any right to legislate upon the subject. Just what

Companion Zane is in favor of on the subject was not in his report. He thinks, however, now, just as he then thought, although not expressed, that Masonry has very little to do with the subject. Temperance simply means, Masonically speaking, moderation, and has no special application to drink. It means moderation in all things. And while it might be called a virtue, yet no one who reflects upon the subject when applied to spirituous liquor only, can or will be bold enough to say that moderate drinking is a virtue.

"The language of Companion Edwards that 'Those who practice total abstinence exhibit a weakness,' is a most remarkable statement, and very far from the truth, as we look at it. We should not judge our Companion in favor of the doctrine. Can one be said to exhibit weakness who declines to do wrong? I regret that our Companion has placed himself on the wrong side of a great moral question."

"If the former review did Companion Zane any injustice the writer regrets it, and will be pleased to class him with those who do not believe in the derogation of Masonry to any ism, and welcomes him to the dais whereon the higher type of manhood is exhibited in the practice of that temperance that the institution presents as one of the cardinal virtues.

"From that height perhaps the Companion may be enabled to view the subject without 'looking very far from the truth,' which is certainly more desirable than on the lower level, having his vision distorted by looking through the haze of the 'wrong side of a great moral question.' - The eminent applicability of the quotation will be excused.

"The Mason upon whom Masonic ties are of so little force that he is not restrained thereby from evil propensities, and who has to resort to the vows of another society to keep him within the pale of decency, is a weakling. The Mason who has to add the vows of total abstinence to prevent intemperance is on a par with one who is unable to resist the temptation to steal, so far as violation of obligation goes, though the degree of immorality may differ.

"The regret of Companion Zane that the writer 'has placed himself on the wrong side of a great moral question' is appreciated so far as relates to the regret, but whenever it is attempted to foist total abstinence, depraved insurance, religious dogmas, political tenets, or any system upon the Masonic institution, the writer will be found in open opposition, if that is being 'on the wrong side of a great moral question.' Will the Companion give this reply the same prominence he has been pleased to give to his delicately expressed phrase, 'very far from the truth as we look at it?'"

From the above it will be seen that the Companion and myself are not very far apart. I am strongly of the opinion that Masonry has nothing to do with the subject, and as Companion Edwards puts it, any attempt to legislate upon total abstinence, depraved insurance, religious dogmas, or political tenets is foisting upon the masonic institution matters, which should be opposed (or at least avoided). With this understanding then we still adhere to what we said last year.

NEW YORK.

The Eighty-seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the City of Albany, on Tuesday, February 5th, 1884. All the Grand Officers were present. Ten Past Grand High Priests, one Past Deputy Grand High Priest, the Representatives of 183 Subordinate Chapters, together with Representatives of 23, Grand Chapters of other Jurisdictions.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, when the M. E. James D. Pollard, Grand High Priest, read his annual address.

As to the condition of Craft, he says :

“The year just closed has been a successful one in nearly all our Subordinate Chapters ; not a rapid, unnatural growth, confined to a few Chapters, but a steady, moderate accretion of good material in all parts of the Jurisdiction.”

The R. E. John S. Dickerman, Grand Treasurer, submitted his Annual Report.

The financial condition of the Grand Chapter is excellent. A fine balance and considerable invested.

There were :

Exalted during the year.....	1,034	
Affiliated “ “ “	97	
Restored “ “ “	141	
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Total increase.....		1,272
Dimitted.....	240	
Suspended.....	580	
Expelled.....	5	
Died.....	214	
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Total decrease.....		1,039
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Showing net increase.....		233

This makes the whole number affiliated Royal Arch Masons in this Jurisdiction 15,329.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Companion Darius A. Ogden, but is also signed by Companion John J. Gorman and Companion Coral C. White, Jr., Committee.

From the introduction we quote as follows :

"The Eighty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York met in Albany, on the 6th day of February, 1883. It was a very pleasant and interesting meeting. All the Grand Officers, many of the Past Grand Officers, and the Representatives of one hundred and eighty-seven Subordinate Chapters were in attendance—the Representatives of over fifteen thousand of the brightest and best men in the State. No element of discord disturbed the harmony of the proceedings, although the debates were earnest and the discussions involving fundamental principles were animated, yet courtesy and good feeling was manifest throughout. There was independence of thought, freedom of expression, eloquence in language and marked differences of opinion without offensive asperity or unbecoming criticism. As the meeting and the greetings were cordial so the parting was in love, and with increased respect and confidence. The meeting had been both pleasant and profitable, and truly, in the language of the Psalmist, it could be said, 'Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.'

"The year had been one of quiet and prosperity, and at the close the intelligence came, through the Grand Secretary, that for the first time in some years there was a net increase in the membership. True, the number was small, nevertheless it was an increase, and the Royal Craft was one hundred stronger; the tide has turned, and may we not hope and expect that it will increase and grow stronger as time flows on?"

The Committee review the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Jurisdictions and shows very considerable labor. Pennsylvania is fraternally mentioned.

NORTH CAROLINA.

This Grand Chapter assembled in Masonic Hall, in Elizabeth City, on Wednesday, May 28th, 1884, by virtue of an edict of Grand High Priest Eugene Griscom, for reason of having failed to obtain a sufficient representation from the Chapters to constitute a quorum at the time prescribed in the Constitution for the Annual Convocation. Seven out of fourteen of the elective Grand Officers present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in solemn form.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a small balance on hand.

No Report on Correspondence.

Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction is not very encouraging. The Grand High Priest, no doubt has done what he could, judging from his report, but greater effort should be

put forth in the future. We sincerely desire to see this Jurisdiction flourish as it has in years past.

OREGON.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the City of Portland on Friday, June 6th, 1884. All the Grand Officers were present, with a number of Past Grand Officers and the representatives of a sufficient number of Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand-High Priest, James F. Robinson, delivered an address. He says of the condition of the Craft:

"I have the great pleasure of reporting our ranks unbroken by death, and that peace and prosperity continues throughout our jurisdiction. Our subordinate Chapters report much good material accepted, and interest in our beloved order unabated.

Our relations with other Grand Chapters continues to be of the most pleasant and harmonious character.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a fine balance credit.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by Comp. T. McF. Patton for the Committee. He opens by saying:

"Contrary to our expectations, we find ourselves reluctantly preparing for another "grand swing around the circle;" another annual raid, under the garb of friendship, to plunder from our companions and appropriate all the good things we can find to our own use. In concluding our report last year, we asked to be relieved from the further duty of preparing these reports. We have served this Grand Chapter almost as long as the patriarch Jacob served his uncle Laban, in order to obtain Rachel for wife, and had good reason to expect that our request would be granted. But it was not.

"Against our expressed wish we were reassigned to the old position, and now it is work or no report. We have supplied ourselves with the necessary outfit—consisting of a ream of "Legal Cap," a quart of "Stafford's Commercial," a box of "Gillott's," a gallon (more or less) of mucilage, a large package of blotters, and with this equipment we are ready for any emergency—peace or—war."

Pennsylvania is fraternally mentioned in the report. He desires us to fire up on a "new lay-out," and see what effect it will have on these overworked minds.

A part of Comp. Patton's conclusion is here inserted:

"We have again performed the task, and now it becomes necessary to present a second valedictory, as it is *positively our last*

appearance. We have been tendered and have accepted the appointment by the President, of Consul at Osaka and Hiojo, Japan, and before this reaches even our home companions, we will, with our good wife and family, be far out on the billowy ocean, wending our way to our post of duty in the far distant isles of the sea.

"In severing our official relations with this Grand Chapter, the memories of the past fill our heart with emotions of pleasure, mingled with those of sadness. We were *one* of the triplets produced by Multnomah Chapter No. 1, in her maiden effort at exaltation, the first exaltation in the Great Northwest, in the then Territory of Oregon. We have been identified with this Grand Chapter from its preliminary organization (September 18, 1860,) to the present time, and was chosen its first grand secretary. With two or three exceptions we have been present at every annual reunion and participated in its deliberations.

"For the past thirteen years we have served this Grand Chapter as chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. Our continuance for so long a period in this department is evidence to us that our labors have been acceptable. We accepted the service with a firm resolve that all the earnestness and zeal which we could command should, without the hope of fee or reward, be devoted to this work.

"In the discharge of our duty we have necessarily been brought into contact with the most brilliant minds in the masonic galaxy—whose knowledge of the ethics and jurisprudence of Masonry stands unquestioned before the world. Such associations could not exercise other than an elevating influence. Our intercourse with them and our relations with the grand chapters which they have the honor to represent, have ever been of the most fraternal character. Nothing has occurred during our term of service to mar the harmony between our own and sister grand chapters in fraternal correspondence with us. This, alone, is a matter of sincere congratulation, and it is to be hoped that such relations may ever continue.

"Peace and harmony have prevailed within our own borders; discord is a stranger in our councils, as no case of grievance has ever been submitted to the grand chapter for adjudication, during a period of twenty-four years—almost a quarter of a century. It is with pride that we call your attention to these facts, and as we gather together at our annual reunion, let us rejoice together, and give thanks to the GREAT I AM, who has blessed and prospered us so abundantly, and whose presence has ever been with us.

"To our companion reporters we can only repeat what we have said many times before, that your kindness to us, during the many years of our association, has formed and cemented a friendship which we hope will never be broken. We owe much to your kind forbearance. Your words of encouragement, from year to year, have given us an impetus which nothing else could have done. We remember the kind words of Companion William Stover, of Connecticut, many years ago. He has been called home, yet his words are remembered. The lamented Corson, whose memory is still fragrant, was one of our most valued friends. How much he cheered us in our work! How prized were his words of commendation! Then there is still another whose voice has been hushed, but whose words still live—George Frank Gouley, of St. Louis, Missouri. We cannot retire from this field without honoring the memory of these distinguished companions, by acknowledging our indebtedness for their valued help, when in the full vigor of life. Their successors, Companions Barlow,

Edwards and Mayo, have given us abundant assurance of continued friendship. To each and all, without being specially named, we extend our thanks. We shall miss you and your stirring reports, but we have a hope that some, if not all, will still reach us, at our new home at Osaka, Japan. With our best wishes for your happiness and prosperity, we bid you adieu.

We regret the loss of so able a Companion from the Corps, and we trust he may reap his reward for past services in his new field of labor.

SCOTLAND.

The Proceedings of the four Quarterly Communications are before us, as well as the various Committee Meetings held during the year.

From this we gather that most of the business of the Grand Chapter is performed in Committee, and subsequently ratified or rejected in the Quarterly Communications.

These Communications were held on June 20th, September 19th, December 19th, 1883, and March 5th, 1884, and the Annual Communication upon the 21st March, 1884.

At the Annual Communication no business, or hardly any business, was done. The Office Bearers (so called) were installed. A new Charter was granted to Harmony Chapter. The recommendation of a Committee was adopted, and the Supreme Grand Chapter was closed; after which the Companions celebrated the festival of the Vernal Equinox.

At the last Quarterly Communication, the list of Grand Office Bearers, as recommended by Supreme Committee for Election and Installation, was agreed to.

The abstract of accounts shows a splendid condition of finances: a balance of £3,751 3s. 8d.

There is no report on Correspondence.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Grand Chapter of this jurisdiction assembled in its Seventy-third Annual Convocation, in the city of Charleston, on the 12th day of February, 1884. All of the Grand Officers were present.

M. E. Companion R. C. Watts, Grand High Priest, delivered his annual address. He says :

"Since last we parted, we have to thank the Father of the Universe for many blessings ; we have to recognize that our jurisdiction extends over a population of a million souls, that peace and harmony and prosperity have reigned throughout all this 'wide border,' and that as Companions we have shared in full measure all those mercies.

"Since your last annual convocation, nothing has transpired in our jurisdiction affecting the prosperity of Chapter Masonry to which it is desirable to call special attention. As Royal Arch Masonry, in its elementary principles, is eminently conservative, so, in practice, ought it to be thus constantly characterized and maintained. A slow growth, a maintenance of the *status quo* with harmony and love and peace, are more to be desired than rapid growth and sudden and radical development ; love, peace and harmony are 'the silver and fine gold' of our beloved Order."

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a very small balance after payment of claims.

We are forced to the conclusion that Capitular Masonry has a small hold upon the million of souls over which it has jurisdiction. We trust that something may be done that will inspire the Craft to greater efforts, so that Masonry may not continue to languish among the Companions of the State.

No report on Correspondence.

VIRGINIA.

This Grand Chapter held its Seventy-seventh Annual Convocation in Masons' Hall, Lexington, on the 24th of September, 1884. Most of the Grand Officers present, with a sufficient number of representatives of subordinate Chapters. The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Wm. H. H. Lynn, delivered his annual address. He feelingly announced the death of his immediate predecessor, P. G. H. P. Henry William Murray.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a healthy condition of the finances.

The number of Royal Arch Masons in the State appears from report to be 1,274.

No report on Correspondence.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

On Thursday, June 5th, 1884, a meeting of the Royal Arch Masons representing the three several Chapters in the Territory of Washington, assembled at Spokane Falls, for the purpose of organizing a Grand Chapter.

The following Companions were present :

"Companions Andrew McCalley, William Glasford, Harrison W. Eagan and G. D. Leonard, of Walla Walla Chapter, No. 1; Companions Louis Zeigler, O. F. Weed, Simon Berg, William A. Fairweather, Jacob Hoover, Robert Rankin, D. M. Drumhaller and T. M. Reed, of Spokane Chapter, No. 2; Companion William W. Poole, of Seattle Chapter, No. 3. Also, Companion M. W. Woods, of Euphrates Chapter, No. 15, Nebraska; John T. Jordan, of Seattle Chapter, No. 1; S. C. Davidson, Rochester Chapter, No. 90, Indiana; and Louis Sohns, Portland Chapter, No. 2, Oregon.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the Representatives of the several Chapters in this Territory now present, looking toward and cherishing a desire for the best interests and advancement of Royal Arch Masonry in this Territory, deem it expedient to proceed without delay to organize a Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

Resolved, That when this meeting adjourns, it adjourn to meet in convention in this hall, at 4 o'clock P. M. to-morrow, for the purpose of adopting such measures as shall tend to carry into effect, as soon as practicable, the object expressed in the foregoing resolution.

On the following day the convention assembled in pursuance of the Resolution. Delegates and Companions present as at former meeting. A committee of three was appointed to ascertain and report the names of companions present, with authority to represent their respective Chapters.

This committee reported as follows :

"Your committee report the following Companions present with authority to represent their respective Chapters in this Convention, viz.:

"WALLA WALLA CHAPTER, No. 1—William Glasford, King; Andrew McCalley, proxy for High Priest; Ralph Guichard, proxy for Scribe.

"SPOKANE CHAPTER, No. 2—Louis Zeigler, High Priest; O. F. Weed, proxy for King; J. N. Glover, proxy for Scribe.

"SEATTLE CHAPTER, No. 3—William W. Poole, King; also, Wm. A. Fairweather and F. Furth, proxies for High Priest and Scribe.

"The committee also recommend that all Companion Royal Arch Masons, members of Chapters in this Territory, present at this Convention, be invited to seats, with authority to participate in the deliberations."

The following business was also transacted.

"Companion Fred. Furth submitted the following resolution, which on motion, was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to report a Constitution and code of By-Laws for the government of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Territory of Washington, and that said committee consist of Companions Thomas M. Reed, Andrew McCalley and William W. Poole."

On the day following, the committee presented their report with the Constitution and By-Laws, and these were considered and unanimously adopted.

On October 2d, 1884, they were again in Convention and received the following recognition from the General Grand Chapter.

To Louis Zeigler, and all other Royal Arch Masons, GREETING :

"WHEREAS, It has been made to appear that three Royal Arch Chapters, holding charters from the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, did, by their Representatives meet at Spokane Falls, Washington Territory, on Friday, June 6th, 1884, and agree that it is advisable to organize a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for Washington Territory ;

"AND WHEREAS, The said Chapters to wit: Walla Walla, No. 1, Spokane, No. 2 and Seattle, No. 3, continue to be of the same mind, and have fixed upon Thursday, October 2d, 1884, as the time, and Walla Walla, in said Territory, as the place to meet in Convention and then and there fully to carry out their desire ;

"*And therefore*, Be it known : That I, believing the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry will be promoted thereby, consent that the Constitutional Representatives of the three Chapters herein mentioned shall meet at Walla Walla, at the time specified—or at such other suitable time and place as by them may be deemed advisable—and organize a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for Washington Territory, they conforming to the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America, and the customs and usages of the order.

"Of this proposed action, it is directed that Tacoma Chapter No. 4, of Tacoma, in said Territory, be forthwith informed, said Chapter being U. D.

"Upon the organization of a Grand Chapter, as above provided all the Chapters in said Territory, both chartered and under dispensation, will make their returns and pay all their dues to the General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, up to the

date of the organization of the Grand Chapter for Washington Territory, and will then and thereafter come and be under its authority.

"Ex. Companion Andrew McCalley, Past Grand King [Scribe] of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, is hereby appointed our Representative, to officiate at the organization of the Grand Chapter for Washington Territory, and to install the officers of said body; *Provided, however*, that such service shall not be at the expense of the General Grand Chapter of the United States."

(Signed)

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
General Grand High Priest.

It will thus be seen that a new Grand Chapter has stepped into existence. We welcome her in the ranks, with prayers for her success.

The work of preparing our report is now finished. We have pursued the same course in this, that we followed in prior reports. We have reported upon the work of each Grand Chapter so far as we deemed it of interest to the Craft. We have made such selections as we thought would enlighten the Companions. We have commented but little, because we have been heard from on all the subjects discussed and we have not changed our former views.

The question of the Grand Chapter of Quebec and Grand Mark Lodge of England has been referred to this Committee. As it is a most important matter, which needs careful consideration, we have left it as a legacy.

We now gracefully retire and leave what we have done for the criticism of the Companions.

Fraternally. Yours,

ANDREW ZANE, JR.,
Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

1885.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

OF THE

Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter

OF PENNSYLVANIA.

JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON,
GEORGE W. WOOD,
SAMUEL C. PERKINS,
MICHAEL NISBET,
CHARLES E. MEYER,
*ANDREW ROBENO, JR.,
GEORGE E. WAGNER,
WILLIAM C. HAMILTON, M.D.,
HIBBERT P. JOHN,
AUGUSTUS R. HALL.

* Died January 17, 1885.

1885.

REPRESENTATIVES

TO AND FROM

SISTER GRAND CHAPTERS

WHOSE CREDENTIALS HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY ACTED UPON
BY GRAND CHAPTER.

TO PENNSYLVANIA.

SAMUEL C. PERKINS.....	Louisiana.....	HENRY R. SWASEY.
	New Jersey.....	JOHN WOOLVERTON.
CHARLES E. MEYER.....	New York.....	CHARLES ROOME.
MICHAEL NISBET.....	Nova Scotia.....	FRASER W. DAKIN.
	Missouri.....	REUBEN BARNEY, M.D.
MICHAEL NISBET.....	Oregon.....	JAMES R. BAYLEY.
JOHN L. YOUNG.....	Maine.....	MARQUIS F. KING.
HIBBERT P. JOHN.....	Tennessee.....	WILLIAM E. EASTMAN.
*ANDREW ROBENO.....	Maryland.....	EDWARD T. SCHULTZ.
CHARLES E. MEYER.....	Illinois.....	ASA W. BLAKELEY.
HORACE FRITZ.....	Wisconsin.....	
CHARLES E. MEYER.....	South Carolina.....	
CHARLES E. MEYER.....	Iowa.....	CLARK VARNUM.
DAVID B. TAYLOR.....	District of Columbia..	
THOMAS R. PATTON.....	Nebraska.....	WILLIAM R. BOWEN.
CHARLES E. MEYER.....	Massachusetts.....	
CHARLES E. MEYER.....	Supreme Grand Chap-	
	ter of Scotland.....	LINDSAY MACKERSY.
CHARLES E. MEYER.....	Grand Mark Lodge of	
	England.....	WM. J. HUGHAN.
CHARLES E. MEYER.....	Quebec.....	FRANK EDGAR.
DENNIS F. DEALY.....	Nevada.....	LEON M. L. BALDWIN.
THOMAS R. PATTON.....	Canada.....	DONALD McPHIE.
GEORGE W. WOOD.....	Virginia.....	
THOMAS JACOBS.....	Mississippi.....	S. C. CONLY.
WILLIAM J. KELLY.....	Arkansas.....	SAM. W. WILLIAMS.
AUGUSTUS R. HALL.....	Indiana.....	SIMEON S. JOHNSON.
JOHN CURTIS.....	Vermont.....	FRANK H. BASCOM.
JAMES S. BARBER.....	North Carolina.....	DONALD W. BAIN.
ELLSWORTH H. HULTS...	Rhode Island.....	SAMUEL G. STINESS.

* Died 1885.

GRAND CHAPTERS, ETC., IN THE UNITED STATES, CANADA AND GREAT BRITAIN

IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE

GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

	ORGANIZED.	ADDRESS OF GRAND SECRETARY.
Alabama.	June 2, 1827, Dec. 8, 1837.	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery.
Arkansas.	April 28, 1851.	James A. Henry, Little Rock.
California.	July 27, 1854.	Thos. H. Caswell, San Francisco.
Colorado.	May 11 1875.	Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown.
Connecticut.	March 17, 1798.	Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford.
Delaware.	January 20, 1869.	H. B. McIntyre, Wilmington.
Dist. Columbia.	May 3, 1867.	Lewis G. Stevens, Washington.
Florida.	January 11, 1847.	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
Georgia.	February 3, 1822.	J. E. Blackshear, Macon.
Illinois.	April 9, 1850.	Gilbert W. Barnard, Chicago.
Indiana.	December 25, 1845.	John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis.
Iowa.	June 3, 1854.	John C. Parish, Des Moines.
Kansas.	January 27, 1854.	John H. Brown, Wyandotte.
Kentucky.	December 4, 1847.	Joseph H. Branham, Louisville.
Louisiana.	March 1, 1813, May 1, 1848.	Jas. C. Batchelor, M.D., New Orleans.
Maine.	February 7, 1821.	Ira Berry, Portland.
Maryland.	June 24, 1797, Nov. 9, 1814.	George L. McCahan, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.	June 12, 1798.	Zeph. H. Thomas, Cambridgeport.
Michigan.	March 9, 1848.	W. P. Innes, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.	December 17, 1859.	A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul.
Mississippi.	May 18, 1846.	J. L. Power, Jackson.
Missouri.	October 16, 1846.	Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis.
Nebraska.	March 19, 1867.	Wm. R. Bowen, Omaha.
Nevada.	November 18, 1873.	John D. Hammond, Carson.
New Hampshire.	June 10, 1819.	George P. Cleaves, Concord.
New Jersey.	November 30, 1856.	George B. Edwards, Jersey City.
New York.	March 14, 1798.	Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo.
North Carolina.	June 21, 1822, June 28, 1847.	D. W. Bain, Raleigh.
Ohio.	October 24, 1816.	James Nesbitt, Troy.
Oregon.	September 18, 1860.	R. P. Earhart, Salem.
Pennsylvania.	December 17, 1795.	Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia.
Rhode Island.	March —, 1797.	W. R. Greene, Providence.
South Carolina.	May 29, 1812.	J. E. Burke, Charleston.
Tennessee.	April 3, 1828.	John Frizzell, Nashville.
Texas.	January 22, 1850.	Robert Brewster, Houston.
Vermont.	Dec. 20, 1804, July 18, 1849.	Wm. H. S. Whitcomb, Burlington.
Virginia.	May 6, 1808.	Wm. B. Isaacs, Richmond.
West Virginia.	November 16, 1871.	Odell S. Long, Wheeling.
Washington Territ'y.	February 13, 1850.	Thomas M. Reed, Olymyia.
Wisconsin.	June 5, 1884.	John W. Laffin, Milwaukee.
Canada.	January 20, 1857.	David McLellan, Hamilton.
Grand Lodge, M. M. Masons of Eng. and Wales.		Fred. Binckes, 8a Red Lion Square, Holborn, London, W. C.
Nova Scotia.	June —, 1870.	George T. Smithers, Halifax.
Quebec.	December 12, 1876.	David Seath, Montreal.
Scotland.		William Edwards, No. 1 S. Hanover street, Edinburgh.
England.		Col. Shadwell H. Clerke.
Ireland.		Samuel Boldham, Dublin.

STATISTICS OF
SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS AND MARK LODGES

UNDER JURISDICTION OF

Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania,

DECEMBER 27, 1884.

CHAPTERS.

Those marked * returns not received to date of printing proceedings.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER, No. 3.

Philadelphia. Third Monday.

THOMAS A. REDDING, High Priest.

Stanislaus Remak, King.

Robert Mackey, Scribe.

Horace Fritz, Treasurer.

Dennis F. Dealy, Secretary.

9 Marked; 9 Most Excellent; 9 Exalted; 0 admitted;
0 restored; 5 died; 1 dimitted; 9 suspended; 2 membership
ceased; 0 expelled; 1 rejected. 361 members.

PERSEVERANCE CHAPTER, No. 21.

Harrisburg. First Monday.

JOHN D. LEMER, High Priest.

Wm. E. Brodbeck, King.

Luther R. Kelker, Scribe.

William L. Gorgas, Treasurer.

Wm. H. Smith, Secretary.

1 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted;
0 restored; 0 died; 0 dimitted; 7 suspended; 0 expelled;
0 rejected; 124 members.

CHAPTER No. 43.

Lancaster. Fourth Wednesday.

JOEL S. EABY, High Priest.

J. Gust. Zook, King.

Joshua L. Lyte, Scribe.

Charles A. Heinitsh, Treasurer.

Hugh S. Gara, Secretary.

13 Marked ; 13 Most Excellent ; 13 Exalted ; 0 admitted ;
 0 restored ; 3 died ; 1 dimitted ; 4 suspended ; 0 expelled ;
 2 rejected. 271 members.

HARMONY CHAPTER, No. 52.

Philadelphia. First Friday.

JOSEPH ORR, High Priest.

Joseph Butler, King.

William Coleman, Scribe.

R. Lloyd Lee, Treasurer.

John Curtis, Secretary.

39 Marked ; 38 Most Excellent ; 39 Exalted ; 2 admitted ;
 0 restored ; 12 died ; 2 dimitted ; 8 suspended ; 0 expelled ;
 0 rejected ; 0 ceased. 558 members.

COLUMBIA CHAPTER, No. 91.

Philadelphia. Third Wednesday.

L. HASSELL LAPP, High Priest.

James Bleloch, King.

George S. MacLaurin, Scribe.

George W. Wood, Treasurer.

J. Alexander Simpson, Sec'y.

7 Marked ; 8 Most Excellent ; 8 Exalted ; 1 admitted ;
 0 restored ; 7 died ; 1 dimitted ; 0 suspended ; 1 expelled ;
 0 rejected. 344 members.

* WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 150.

Washington. First Friday.

JAMES W. McDOWELL, High Priest.

George A. Carsten, King.

Sheldon B. Hayes, Scribe.

F. Whittlesy, Treasurer.

Wm. C. Bryson, Secretary.

0 Marked ; 0 Most Excellent ; 0 Exalted ; 0 admitted ;
 0 restored ; 0 died ; 0 dimitted ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ;
 0 rejected ; 0 ceased. 50 members.

READING CHAPTER, No. 152.

Reading. Second Morday.

J. CALVIN HOFFEDITZ, High Priest.

Wm. B. Koch, King.

Abram Seirard, Scribe.

Jesse Orr, Treasurer.

Edw. Burkholder, Secretary.

9 Marked ; 9 Most Excellent ; 9 Exalted ; 0 admitted ;
 0 restored ; 1 died ; 2 dimitted ; 3 suspended ; 0 expelled ;
 1 membership ceased ; 1 rejected. 196 members.

SCHUYLKILL CHAPTER, No. 159.

Minersville. Thursday on or before Full Moon.

SOLOMON A. PHILIPS, High Priest.

Robert F. Potter, King.

Harrison A. Kear, Scribe.

Felix Schloss, Treasurer.

Henry Hammer, Secretary.

0 Marked ; 0 Most Excellent ; 0 Exalted ; 0 admitted ;
 0 restored ; 2 died ; 0 dimitted ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ;
 0 rejected. 27 members.

UNION CHAPTER, No. 161.

Towanda. Second Wednesday.

GEORGE E. DAVIS, High Priest.

Andrew J. Dowd, King. Oliver E. Bennett, Scribe.

Wm. Chamberlin, Treasurer. James H. Coddington, Secretary.

6 Marked ; 6 Most Excellent ; 6 Exalted ; 0 admitted ;
 0 restored ; 2 died ; 1 dimitted ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ;
 1 rejected. 94 members.

ZERUBBABEL CHAPTER, No. 162.

Pittsburgh. First Tuesday.

ALEXANDER M. KEPPEL, High Priest.

David R. Torrence, King.

Theodore Havekotte, Scribe.

Benson S. Crumpton, Treas.

Wm. T. Reiter, Secretary.

20 Marked ; 20 Most Excellent ; 19 Exalted ; 1 admitted ;
 0 restored ; 5 died ; 1 dimitted ; 2 suspended ; 0 expelled ;
 1 rejected. 382 members.

LAFAYETTE CHAPTER, No. 163.

Lock Haven. Thursday after Full Moon.

GEORGE ALFRED BROWN, High Priest.

George R. McCrea, King.

John Noble, Scribe.

Jacob Kamp, Treasurer.

William Henry Smith, Sec'y.

11 Marked; 11 Most Excellent; 11 Exalted; 0 admitted;
 0 restored; 1 died; 1 dimitted; 0 suspended; 0 expelled;
 0 rejected. 110 members.

BROWNSVILLE CHAPTER, No. 164.

Brownsville. Second Tuesday.

WM. CHATLAND, High Priest.

Robert L. Aubrey, King.

Isaac R. Beazall, Scribe.

Thomas Duncan, Treasurer.

Elgy Chamberlain, Secretary.

6 Marked; 6 Most Excellent; 7 Exalted; 0 admitted;
 0 restored; 2 died; 0 dimitted; 0 suspended; 0 expelled;
 0 rejected. 41 members.

UNION CHAPTER, No. 165.

Uniontown. First Thursday.

SAMUEL COOPER, High Priest.

Charles C. Hambry, King.

John W. Darby, Scribe.

William B. McCormick, Treas.

Philip M. Hochheimer, Sec.

1 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 0 admitted;
 0 restored; 0 died; 2 dimitted; 0 suspended; 0 expelled;
 0 rejected. 34 members.

* MT. MORIAH CHAPTER, No. 166.

Hollidaysburgh. Third Tuesday.

GEORGE W. SMITH, High Priest.

Plymouth W. Snyder, King.

Scribe.

Alexander M. Lloyd, Treas.

Martin Bell, Jr., Secretary.

1 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 0 admitted;
 0 restored; 0 died; 0 dimitted; 0 suspended; 0 expelled;
 0 rejected. 42 members.

EUREKA CHAPTER, No. 167.

Rochester. Friday after Full Moon.

FRANK ROBINSON, High Priest.

Samuel M. Kane, King. John J. Hoffman, Scribe.

Gilbert Pendleton, Treasurer. Cornelius Masten, Secretary.

1 Marked ; 1 Most Excellent ; 1 Exalted ; 0 admitted ;
 0 restored ; 0 died ; 1 dimitted ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ;
 0 rejected. 48 members.

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER, No. 169.

Philadelphia. Second Wednesday.

JOHN M. ZOOK, High Priest.

Robert W. Chew, King. Thomas C. Stokes, Scribe.

Phineas Garrett, Treasurer. Charles W. Nolen, Secretary.

4 Marked ; 3 Most Excellent ; 3 Exalted ; 0 admitted ;
 0 restored ; 4 died ; 1 dimitted ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ;
 0 rejected. 217 members.

DELTA CHAPTER, No. 170.

New Castle. First Tuesday.

HORACE G. MILLER, High Priest.

Charles Matthews, King. John C. Wallace, Scribe.

William D. Dickson, Treasurer. Wm. T. Butz, Secretary.

6 Marked ; 6 Most Excellent ; 8 Exalted ; 2 admitted ;
 1 dimitted ; 1 restored ; 1 died ; 0 suspended. 0 rejected ;
 1 ceased. 69 members.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 171.

Carlisle. Third Thursday.

JAMES D. REA, High Priest.

Charles W. Strohm, King. Jeremiah M. Carvill, Scribe.

John Hyer, Treasurer. John G. Bobb, Secretary.

2 Marked ; 2 Most Excellent ; 2 Exalted ; 1 admitted ;
 2 restored ; 0 died ; 1 dimitted ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ;
 2 rejected. 56 members.

TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 172.

Tunkhannock. Monday on or before Full Moon.

CLARENCE A. LITTLE, High Priest.

Frank W. Dewitt, King. Frank H. Piatt, Scribe.

Henry Barham, Treasurer. Draper Billings, Secretary.

5 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 1 admitted;
0 restored; 1 died; 0 dimitted; 0 suspended; 1 ceased;
0 expelled; 0 rejected. 41 members.

EASTON CHAPTER, No. 173.

Easton. Third Tuesday.

FRANK MILTON TERRY, High Priest.

Moses Menline, King. Jacob Sandt, Scribe.

Abraham S. Deichman, Treasurer. Robert E. James, Sec'y.

9 Marked; 9 Most Excellent; 12 Exalted; 3 admitted;
2 restored; 6 died; 2 dimitted; 0 suspended; 0 expelled;
0 rejected. 142 members.

NORTHUMBERLAND CHAPTER, No. 174.

Sunbury. Tuesday before Full Moon.

THOMAS S. McMAHON, High Priest.

Philip H. Moore, King. John H. Heim, Scribe.

Benj. Zettlemoyer, Treasurer. Jacob Shipman, Secretary.

1 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 0 admitted;
2 restored; 0 died; 1 dimitted; 0 suspended; 0 expelled;
2 ceased; 0 rejected. 44 members.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 175.

Philadelphia. Fourth Monday.

HENRY J. BROOKS, High Priest.

Samuel H. Allen, King. George W. Marter, M.D., Scribe.

Wm. T. Taylor, M.D., Trs. Horace G. O. Ramborger, Sec.

6 Marked; 6 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 0 admitted;
0 restored; 10 died; 1 dimitted; 12 suspended; 0 expelled;
1 ceased; 1 rejected. 294 members.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 176.

Chambersburg.- Third Monday.

WM. H. BECK, High Priest.

George Bietsch, King.

James B. Hoover, Scribe.

Hastings Gehr, Treasurer.

Allan C. McGrath, Secretary.

0 Marked ; 0 Most Excellent ; 0 Exalted ; 0 admitted ;
 0 restored ; 0 died ; 0 dimitted ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ;
 0 rejected. 36 members.

TAMAQUA CHAPTER, No. 177.

Tamaqua. Friday after Full Moon.

DANIEL SHEPP, High Priest.

Richard Boyd, King.

Joseph E. Hess, Scribe.

Emanuel J. Fry, Treasurer.

Wm. Priser, Secretary.

3 Marked ; 3 Most Excellent ; 3 Exalted ; 0 admitted ;
 0 restored ; 1 died ; 0 dimitted ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ;
 0 rejected. 51 members.

CATAWISSA CHAPTER, No. 178.

Catawissa. Wednesday on or before Full Moon.

JOSEPH B. KNITTLE, High Priest.

Luther B. Kline, King.

William Stocker, Scribe.

Solomon D. Rinard, Treasurer. Jacob H. Vastine, Secretary.

0 Marked ; 1 Most Excellent ; 1 Exalted ; 0 admitted ;
 0 restored ; 2 died ; 2 dimitted ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ;
 0 rejected. 27 members.

* EUREKA CHAPTER, No. 179.

Carbondale. Last Friday.

JOHN W. DIMOCK, High Priest.

Rollin H. Smith, King.

George S. Kimball, Scribe.

Joseph Birkett, Treasurer.

Wm. R. Baker, Secretary.

1 Marked ; 1 Most Excellent ; 1 Exalted ; 0 admitted ;
 0 restored ; 1 died ; 3 dimitted ; 3 suspended ; 0 expelled ;
 0 rejected. 77 members.

WARREN CHAPTER, No. 180.

Montrose. Thursday on or before Full Moon.

JAMES F. ZERFASS, High Priest.

Charles H. Smith, King.

Freeman G. Lott, Scribe.

Wm. W. Smith, Treasurer.

Wm. L. Cox, Secretary.

0 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted;
 0 restored; 0 died; 0 resigned; 0 suspended; 0 expelled;
 0 rejected. 42 members.

LILLY CHAPTER, No. 181.

Mauch Chunk. Fourth Tuesday.

WILLIAM F. STREETER, High Priest.

William W. Weaver, King.

Wm. A. Leisenring, Scribe.

James I. Blakslee, Treasurer.

Laird H. Barber, Secretary.

1 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 2 Exalted; 4 admitted;
 0 restored; 3 died; 1 dimitted; 1 suspended; 0 expelled;
 0 rejected. 93 members.

SHEKINAH CHAPTER, No. 182.

Wilkesbarre. Third Tuesday.

JOHN LANING, High Priest.

Francis Dunsmore, King.

Henry C. Reichard, Scribe.

Geo. H. Flanagan, Treasurer.

Arthur D. Moore, Secretary.

2 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 1 admitted;
 1 restored; 1 died; 2 dimitted; 1 suspended; 1 expelled;
 0 rejected. 45 members.

ORIENTAL CHAPTER, No. 183.

Philadelphia. Third Thursday.

JOHN STERLING, M. D., High Priest.

Michael Arnold, King.

Frank M. Highly, Scribe.

Michael Nisbet, Treasurer.

Jacob F. Stahl, Secretary.

42 Marked; 43 Most Excellent; 39 Exalted; 10 admitted;
 3 restored; 10 died; 1 dimitted; 5 suspended; 0 expelled;
 0 rejected. 704 members.

LACKAWANNA CHAPTER, No. 185.

Scranton. Second Tuesday.

JOHN S. FERGUSON, High Priest.

Henry C. Doud, King. Edgar T. Wheaton, Scribe.
 James Ruthven, Treasurer. Clarence L. VanBuskirk, Sec'y.

13 Marked; 13 Most Excellent; 13 Exalted; 1 admitted;
 0 restored; 2 died; 0 dimitted; 1 suspended; 0 expelled;
 0 rejected. 100 members.

LEWISTOWN CHAPTER, No. 186.

Lewistown. Third Tuesday and December 27.

GEORGE E. HEINBACH, High Priest.

Landon C. Heskitt, Jr., King. William Irwin, Scribe.
 David E. Robeson, Treasurer. Chas. A. Zerbe, Secretary.

1 Marked; 2 Most Excellent; 2 Exalted; 1 admitted;
 0 restored; 0 died; 1 dimitted; 0 suspended; 0 expelled;
 1 rejected. 63 members.

ORIENTAL CHAPTER, No. 187.

Conneautville. Third Friday.

DORR KLUMPH, High Priest.

George McMullen, King. Jacob Boland, Scribe.
 John W. Crider, Treasurer. Edwin L. Litchfield, Secretary.

1 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 1 Exalted; 0 admitted;
 0 restored; 1 died; 2 dimitted; 0 suspended; 0 expelled;
 0 rejected. 30 members.

MOUNTAIN CHAPTER, No. 189.

Altoona. First Thursday.

AMOS C. DAVIS, High Priest.

Wm. W. Murray, Jr., King. Benjamin Johnston, Scribe.
 Theodore H. Wigton, Treasurer. Timothy Davis, Secretary.

3 Marked; 7 Most Excellent; 7 Exalted; 0 admitted;
 0 restored; 0 died; 0 dimitted; 3 suspended; 0 expelled;
 4 rejected. 102 members.

NORRISTOWN CHAPTER, No. 190.

Norristown. Second Monday.

ISAAC W. SMITH, High Priest.

Robert Wilson Perry, King. Joseph R. Ebert, Scribe.

Joseph Shaw, Treasurer. Chas. T. Major, Secretary, p. t.

7 Marked ; 7 Most Excellent ; 7 Exalted ; 1 admitted ;
 0 restored ; 0 died ; 1 dimitted ; 2 suspended ; 0 expelled ;
 0 rejected. 176 members.

SOLOMON CHAPTER, No. 191.

Meadville. First Tuesday.

STURGES T. DICK, High Priest.

Daniel G. Shryock, King. David C. Dunn, Scribe.

Norman C. McLaughlin, Treas'r. Henry Church, Secretary.

2 Marked ; 2 Most Excellent, 2 Exalted ; 0 admitted ;
 0 restored ; 0 died ; 1 dimitted ; 4 suspended ; 0 expelled ;
 0 rejected. 75 members.

URANIA CHAPTER, No. 192.

Greensburg. Thursday after third Tuesday.

CYRUS N. STARK, High Priest.

James B. Laux, King. John M. Peoples, Scribe.

Zach. P. Bierer, Treasurer. Jeffry W. Taylor, Secretary.

11 Marked ; 11 Most Excellent ; 11 Exalted ; 1 admitted ;
 1 restored ; 6 died ; 0 dimitted ; 1 suspended ; 0 expelled ;
 2 rejected. 125 members.

DUQUESNE CHAPTER, No. 193.

Pittsburg. Fourth Thursday.

WM. J. A. KENNEDY, High Priest.

Wm. C. Wright, King. Richard W. Thompson, Scribe.

George Glass, Treasurer. Joseph S. Brown, Secretary.

18 Marked ; 18 Most Excellent ; 18 Exalted ; 2 admitted ;
 0 restored ; 2 died ; 3 dimitted ; 3 suspended ; 0 expelled ;
 1 rejected. 342 members.

TIOGA CHAPTER, No. 194.

Wellsboro'. Thursday on or before Full Moon.

HENRY W. WILLIAMS, High Priest.

Jerome B. Niles, King. Ezra B. Young, Scribe.
William Roberts, Treasurer. Max Bernkopf, Secretary.

2 Marked; 2 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted;
0 restored; 0 died; 1 dimitted; 0 suspended; 0 expelled;
0 rejected. 19 members.

PORTAGE CHAPTER, No. 195.

Johnstown. Fourth Tuesday.

ROBERT H. NIXEN, High Priest.

John W. Wonders, King. Wm. H. Rosensteel, Jr., Scribe.
John H. Dibert, Treasurer. Benjamin F. Speedy, Secretary.

5 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 0 admitted;
0 restored; 3 died; 0 dimitted; 0 suspended; 0 expelled;
0 rejected. 80 members.

MOUNTAIN CITY CHAPTER, No. 196.

Pottsville. Monday after Full Moon.

JEREMIAH H. STERNER, High Priest.

Stephen A. Thurlow, King. Albert Robinson, Scribe.
Daniel D. Moreton, Treasurer. Jeremiah J. Cake, Secretary.

7 Marked; 7 Most Excellent; 7 Exalted; 1 admitted;
1 restored; 3 died; 0 dimitted; 0 suspended; 0 expelled;
0 rejected. 88 members.

WEIDLE CHAPTER, No. 197.

Lebanon. Second Tuesday.

JOHN DAVID BROWN, High Priest.

John K. Raudenbush, King. Joseph Krause, Scribe.
Joseph L. Lemberger, Treasurer. Wm. G. Ward, Secretary.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 2 Exalted; 1 admitted;
0 restored; 3 died; 0 dimitted; 2 suspended; 0 expelled;
0 rejected. 70 members.

PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 198.

Phoenixville. Saturday on or after Full Moon.

JOHN ROBB, High Priest.

Samuel R. March, King. Wm. L. Kennedy, Scribe.

Addison S. Vanderslice, Treas'r. Edward T. Plush, Sec'y.

7 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 1 admitted;
 0 restored; 0 died; 1 dimitted; 0 suspended; 0 expelled;
 0 rejected. 105 members.

HOWELL CHAPTER, No. 199.

York. First Wednesday after first Monday.

EDWIN T. MOUL, High Priest.

James H. Rau, King. Isaac A. Elliott, Scribe.

Samuel I. Adams, Treasurer. Thomas Wood, Secretary.

5 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 0 admitted;
 0 restored; 1 died; 0 dimitted; 0 suspended; 0 expelled;
 0 rejected. 93 members.

COLUMBUS CHAPTER, No. 200.

Corry. Thursday on or before Full Moon.

ORLANDO P. EATON, High Priest.

Cassius L. Baker, King. R. Nell Seaver, Scribe.

Clarence G. Harmon, Treasurer. John H. Devore, Secretary.

13 Marked; 12 Most Excellent; 12 Exalted; 1 admitted;
 0 restored; 1 died; 0 dimitted; 0 suspended; 0 expelled;
 1 rejected. 61 members.

* STANDING STONE CHAPTER, No. 201.

Huntingdon. First Tuesday.

RICHARD I. FAUST, High Priest.

S. Lloyd Seibert, King. Augustus Letterman, Scribe.

Wm. B. Zeigler, Treasurer. Graffus Miller, Secretary.

0 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 admitted;
 0 restored; 0 died; 0 dimitted; 0 suspended; 0 expelled;
 0 rejected. 45 members.

HOWELL CHAPTER, No. 202.

West Chester. First Monday after Full Moon.

CHARLES B. LEAR, High Priest.

Abraham Wanger, King. Hannum Baldwin, Scribe.

Norris T. Smith, Treasurer. Wm. D. Christman, Secretary.

0 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 1 admitted;
 1 restored; 1 died; 0 dimitted; 0 suspended; 0 expelled;
 0 rejected. 47 members.

AILEN CHAPTER, No. 203.

Allentown. Monday on or before Full Moon.

ERWIN J. BALLIET, High Priest.

John B. Davis, King. Phaon H. Stettler, Scribe.

Russell A. Thayer, Treas. Benjamin F. Abbott, Sec'y.

10 Marked; 15 Most Excellent; 9 Exalted; 0 restored;
 2 died; 0 dimitted; 2 suspended; 1 rejected. 121 members.

ANTHONY WAYNE CHAPTER, No. 204.

Honesdale. Tuesday Evening on or after Full Moon.

GILBERT WHITE, High Priest.

J. Oscar Terrel, King. John Bone, Scribe.

Henry J. Tarble, Treasurer. Samuel K. Dodge, Sec'y.

6 Marked; 6 Most Excellent; 6 Exalted; 1 admitted; 4
 died; 3 dimitted; 3 ceased; 1 suspended. 32 members.

FACTORYVILLE CHAPTER, No. 205.

Factoryville. Wednesday on or before Full Moon.

CALVIN L. BRIGGS, High Priest.

William A. Wilcox, King. Andrew M. Dershimmer, Scribe.

Giles S. Wilson, Treasurer. Willander A. Dean, Secretary.

7 Marked; 7 Most Excellent; 6 Exalted. 19 members.

HARMONY CHAPTER, No. 206.

Beaver Falls. First Thursday.

JAMES M. MAY, High Priest.

John P. Sherwood, King.

George W. Coates, Scribe.

William H. Elverson, Treas.

Albert D. Long, Sec'y.

3 Marked ; 3 Most Excellent ; 0 Exalted ; 0 admitted ; 1 died ; 2 suspended. 32 members.

AARON CHAPTER, No. 207.

Titusville. Third Monday.

BURTON F. EDWARDS, High Priest.

Walter S. Payne, King.

Isaac L. Shank, Scribe.

Jacob Strauss, Treasurer.

Smith C. Roof, Secretary.

2 Marked ; 0 admitted ; 1 restored ; 2 dimitted ; 8 suspended. 69 members.

GERMANTOWN CHAPTER, No. 208.

Germantown. Third Monday.

WILLIAM MORTIMER, High Priest.

Elmer E. Scatchard, King.

William W. Patton, Scribe.

George Scatchard, Treasurer.

Edwin R. Stevens, Sec'y.

3 Marked ; 5 Most Excellent ; 5 Exalted ; 1 deceased ; 2 suspended. 95 members.

SAMUEL C. PERKINS CHAPTER, No. 209.

Mechanicsburg. Second Monday.

JOHN H. SHOPP, High Priest.

Josiah P. Wilber, King.

J. Morris Miller, Scribe.

E. Ranken Huston, Treasurer.

George Bobb, Secretary.

0 Marked ; 0 Most Excellent ; 0 Exalted ; 0 dimitted. 35 members.

GREAT BEND CHAPTER, No. 210.

Great Bend. Thursday on or before Full Moon.

WILLIAM J. DAY, High Priest.

John W. Dusenbury, King Benjamin F. McCune, Scribe.

John W. Larrabee, Treas. John H. Dusenbury, Sec'y.

10 Marked; 10 Most Excellent; 10 Exalted; 4 admitted;
1 deceased; 0 resigned; 0 suspended. 52 members.

*VENANGO CHAPTER, No. 211.

Franklin. Second Thursday.

CHRISTIAN M. HOOVER, High Priest.

Henry D. Hulin, King. David D. Grant, Scribe.

Joseph Bell, Treasurer. Richard W. Redfield, Sec'y.

64 members.

MOUND CHAPTER, No. 212.

Greenville. Fourth Monday.

ALFRED F. HENLINE, High Priest.

Calvin R. Beatty, King. Joseph P. Dickey, Scribe.

Fayette Herrick, Treasurer. Henry H. Lininger, Secretary.

2 Marked; 2 Most Excellent; 2 Exalted; 0 resigned; 4
suspended. 58 members.

GIRARD CHAPTER, No. 213.

Warrant surrendered.

VALLEY CHAPTER, No. 214.

Plymouth. Friday on or before Full Moon.

WILLIAM G. ENO, High Priest.

Lyman R. Minnick, King. Andrew F. Harrison, Scribe.

Solomon Hirsch, Treasurer. Samuel U. Shaffer, Sec'y.

5 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 1 died; 0 re-
signed. 41 members.

TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 215.

Erie. Second Friday.

HENRY W. DEWITT, High Priest.

Homer M. Hill, King. Gustave A. Carstensen, Scribe.
 Herman T. Jarecki, Treas. William A. Clark, Secretary.

8 Marked; 4 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 1 dimitted.
 132 members.

ZINZENDORF CHAPTER, No. 216.

Bethlehem. Second Monday.

WILLIAM V. KNAUSS, High Priest.

William S. Wintersteen, King. Joseph A. Weaver, Scribe.
 Bernhard E. Lehman, Treasurer. Matthew J. Schmid, Sec'y.

8 Marked; 8 Most Excellent; 8 Exalted; 2 deceased;
 1 dimitted; 2 suspended. 55 members.

ALLEGHENY CHAPTER, No. 217.

Allegheny City. First Friday.

PRESLEY S. BROWN, High Priest.

John McCallen, King. Stephen M. Reynolds, Scribe.
 Nathan Graham, Treasurer. Adolphe H. Böcking, Sec'y.

10 Marked; 10 Most Excellent; 10 Exalted; 3 admitted;
 2 restored; 2 died; 1 dimitted; 6 suspended; 1 rejected.
 249 members.

BLOOMSBURG CHAPTER, No. 218.

Bloomsburg. First Wednesday.

EDWARD C. WELLS, High Priest.

John Appleman, King. Albert G. Briggs, Scribe.
 Jeremiah J. Brower, Treas. Christian F. Knapp, Secretary.

7 suspended. 43 members.

GRISCOM CHAPTER, No. 219.

Ashland. Third Thursday.

ALBERT L. LAUBENSTEIN, High Priest.

Emil Charles Wagner, King. David S. Marshall, Scribe.

J. Frederick Miller, Treasurer. George H. Helfrich, Sec'y.

2 Marked; 2 Most Excellent; 2 Exalted; 1 died; 1 dimitted; 1 suspended. 36 members.

FORT WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 220.

Fort Washington. Thursday before Full Moon.

CHARLES H. MARPLE, High Priest.

Harry S. Sechler, King. Edward H. Faust, Scribe.

Henry Unger, Treasurer. Louis S. Whitcomb, Secretary.

0 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 0 died. 34 members.

TREMONT CHAPTER, No. 221.

Tremont. Monday after Full Moon.

ALFRED D. WOLFF, High Priest.

John P. S. Gobin, King. William W. Stewart, Scribe.

Daniel B. Althouse, Treas. Benjamin Kaufman, Sec'y.

5 Marked; 7 Most Excellent; 7 Exalted; 1 admitted; 1 restored; 0 died; 0 suspended; 1 rejected. 50 members.

LYCOMING CHAPTER, No. 222.

Williamsport. Second Tuesday.

WILLIAM T. CORSON, High Priest.

Max J. Reinhold, M.D., King. Charles V. Runkle, Scribe.

Adolph Niemeyer, Treasurer. William R. Prior, Sec'y.

6 Marked; 6 Most Excellent; 6 Exalted; 0 admitted; 1 died; 5 dimitted; 2 suspended. 111 members.

OXFORD CHAPTER, No. 223.

Oxford. Wednesday after Full Moon.

SEPTIMUS E. NIVEN, High Priest.

J. Thornton Fox, King.

Henry D. Hodgson, Scribe.

Alex. H. Ingram, Treasurer.

James Black, Secretary.

1 ceased. 40 members.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 224.

Columbia. Second Tuesday.

THEODORE L. URBAN, High Priest.

Christian S. Kauffmann, King. William B. Brown, Scribe.

Charles H. Pfahler, Treas. Andrew J. Kauffman, Sec'y.

0 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 5 admitted; 1 restored; 0 died; 1 dimitted; 2 suspended. 71 members.

JEFFERSON CHAPTER, No. 225.

Brookville. First Monday.

GEORGE W. MEANS, High Priest.

John J. Patterson, King. Abraham F. Balmer, Scribe.

James K. Hamilton, Treas. Williamson D. J. Marlin, Sec'y.

2 Marked; 2 Most Excellent; 2 Exalted; 1 admitted; 1 restored; 1 died; 3 suspended. 39 members.

SILOAM CHAPTER, No. 226.

Frankford. Third Wednesday.

HORACE T. FRIES, High Priest.

Harry R. Glenn, King.

S. Everett Pendlebury, Scribe.

Matthias Coates, Treasurer. Thaddeus Stearne, Secretary.

10 Marked; 10 Most Excellent; 10 Exalted; 3 admitted; 2 died; 0 suspended. 130 members.

EMPORIUM CHAPTER, No. 227.

Emporium. First and Third Wednesdays.

JOHN D. LOGAN, High Priest.

Hiram Jacob Smith, King.

William Morrison, Scribe.

Leonard Taggart, Treasurer.

George Metzger, Secretary.

3 Marked; 3 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 2 dimitted; 38 members.

CLEARFIELD CHAPTER, No. 228.

Clearfield. Second Monday after Full Moon.

JAMES P. BURCHFIELD, High Priest.

Alexander E. Patton, King. John R. Fee, Scribe.

Daniel W. McCurdy, Treas. William Radebaugh, Sec'y.

10 Marked; 10 Most Excellent; 10 Exalted; 2 admitted;
1 died; 3 dimitted; 1 suspended; 1 rejected. 49 members.

NEWTOWN CHAPTER, No. 229.

Newtown. Wednesday after Full Moon.

ROBERT SHIELDS, High Priest.

Thomas C. Knowles, King. Ephraim P. Feaster, Scribe.

William K. Carver, Treas. I. Wilson Merrick, Secretary.

0 Marked; 0 Most Excellent; 0 Exalted; 0 died; 0 suspended. 38 members.

ELK CHAPTER, No. 230.

Ridgway. Third Tuesday.

JAMES B. WICKS, High Priest.

Daniel D. Cook, King. Wilbur F. Mercer, Scribe.

Byron F. Ely, Treasurer. William C. Healy, Secretary.

5 Marked; 6 Most Excellent; 6 Exalted. 33 members.

*BRISTOL CHAPTER, No. 231.

Bristol. Saturday after Full Moon.

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treas.

Israel S. Tomlinson, Secretary.

ST. JOHN CHAPTER, No. 232.

Philadelphia. First Tuesday.

WILLIAM PATTERSON, High Priest.

Alpheus M. Walker, King. Thomas C. Warwick, Scribe.

John W. Koons, Treasurer. William F. Tracy, Secretary.

4 Marked; 4 Most Excellent; 3 Exalted; 4 died; 25 suspended; 0 expelled. 222 members.

KENSINGTON CHAPTER, No. 233.

Kensington, 130 and 132 Richmond street, Philadelphia.
Fourth Monday.

LOUIS SCHMITT, High Priest.

Wm. Lindenfelser, King. Wm. C. Mackinney, Scribe.
*John W. Lee, Treasurer. Charles K. Neisser, Secretary.

17 Marked; 17 Most Excellent; 16 Exalted; 0 admitted;
3 died; 2 dimitted; 7 suspended; 1 rejected. 373 members.

* Deceased.

MEDIA CHAPTER, No. 234.

Media. Thursday on or after Full Moon.

CHARLES B. SPROGELL, High Priest.

Horace P. Green, King. Andrew G. C. Smith, Scribe.
Wardle Ellis, Treasurer. Wm. Campbell, Secretary.

3 Marked; 4 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 1 died; 1 dimitted.
40 members.

OCCIDENTAL CHAPTER, No. 235.

Warren. Second Monday.

JOHN M. CLAPP, High Priest.

Joseph Walkerman, King. Benjamin Ellis, Scribe.
Andrew Hertzfel, Treasurer. Robert Henderson, Secretary.

1 Marked; 1 Most Excellent; 4 Exalted; 2 admitted; 1
died; 1 dimitted; 1 expelled. 55 members.

OIL CITY CHAPTER, No 236.

Oil City. Third Thursday.

ANDREW W. COX, High Priest.

Benjamin F. Innis, King. Wade Hampton, Jr., Scribe.
Thomas R. Cowell, Treas. Henry C. Goldsborough, Sec'y.

3 Marked; 5 Most Excellent; 5 Exalted; 2 admitted; 1
died; 1 dimitted; 2 suspended. 60 members.

EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, No. 237.

Reading. First Thursday.

JOHN BARBEY, High Priest.

Justice W. Jost, King. John B. Renninger, Scribe.
George E. Haak, Treasurer. Thomas E. Weber, Secretary.

18 Marked ; 18 Most Excellent ; 19 Exalted ; 1 admitted ;
1 died ; 1 dimitted ; 0 suspended. 207 members.

NEWPORT CHAPTER, No. 238.

Newport. Monday after Full Moon.

ISAAC N. GRUBB, High Priest.

A. Fred. Keim, King. Joshua S. Leiby, Scribe.
Wm. H. Bosserman, Treasurer. John P. Clark, Secretary.

3 Marked ; 3 Most Excellent ; 3 Exalted ; 1 admitted ; 1
died. 37 members.

DANVILLE CHAPTER, No. 239.

Danville. Third Monday.

JOHN W. FARNSWORTH, High Priest.

Adolf Steinbr  nner, King. Joseph R. Childs, Scribe.
David Clark, Treasurer. Alex. J. Frick, Secretary.

5 Marked ; 5 Most Excellent ; 5 Exalted ; 0 died ; 0 di-
mitted ; 0 suspended ; 0 expelled ; 1 ceased. 47 members.

PALESTINE CHAPTER, No. 240.

Philadelphia. Second Friday.

HENRY C. SHARP, High Priest.

Edward R. Marsh, King. Joseph R. Lonabaugh, Scribe.
Wm. E. Krewson, Treasurer. Charles Mathews, Jr., Sec'y.

5 Marked ; 5 Most Excellent ; 2 Exalted ; 0 admitted ; 2
died ; 3 dimitted 0 suspended. 205 members.

BELLEFONTE CHAPTER, No. 241.

Bellefonte. First Friday.

REV. JOHN HEWITT, High Priest.

Frank P. Blair, King.

Isaac N. Gordon, Scribe.

John P. Harris, Treasurer.

George B. Weaver, Sec'y.

5 Marked ; 7 Most Excellent ; 5 Exalted ; 0 suspended. 53 members.

PITTSTON CHAPTER, No. 242.

Pittston, Luzerne Co. Last Thursday.

JOHN D. GREEN, High Priest.

Charles E. Howitz, King.

John Muirhead, Scribe.

Thomas E. Grier, Treasurer.

Thomas W. Kyte, Secretary.

6 Marked ; 6 Most Excellent ; 6 Exalted ; 1 admitted ; 1 dimitted ; 1 suspended. 45 members.

TRISTRAM B. FREEMAN CHAPTER, No. 243.

Philadelphia. First Friday.

DANIEL E. WILSON, High Priest.

William Jones, King.

Arthur A. Muth, Scribe.

Wm. T. Benner, Treasurer.

George M. D. Apple, Sec'y.

17 Marked ; 17 Most Excellent ; 17 Exalted ; 6 admitted ; 4 died ; 1 dimitted ; 1 suspended ; 1 rejected. 253 members.

NORMAN CHAPTER, No. 244.

Sharon, Mercer Co. Second Friday.

JOHN C. OWSLEY, High Priest.

Michael Zahniser, King.

John Murchie, Scribe.

Matthias H. Henderson, Treasurer.

Edwin N. Ohl, Sec'y.

1 Marked ; 1 Most Excellent ; 1 Exalted ; 1 admitted ; 2 dimitted ; 1 suspended. 73 members.

ABINGTON CHAPTER, No. 245.

Jenkintown, Montgomery Co. Tuesday after Full Moon.

EPHRAIM SLUGG, High Priest.

Charles P. Summers, King. Edward Bright, Scribe.

Charles Harper, Treasurer. Joseph W. Hunter, Secretary.

0 Marked ; 0 Most Excellent ; 0 Exalted ; 0 dimitted ; 1
ceased ; 2 suspended. 32 members.

WARRIOR RUN CHAPTER, No. 246.

Watsontown. Wednesday after Full Moon.

ROBERT BUCK, High Priest.

James M. Rhoads, King. Thomas S. Wilson, Scribe.

Frederick H. Knight, Treas. Wm. Field Shay, Secretary.

4 Marked ; 5 Most Excellent ; 6 Exalted ; 1 admitted. 57
members.

ORIENT CHAPTER, No. 247.

Kittanning. Second Monday.

MERVIN F. LEASON, High Priest.

Charles J. Jessop, King. Henry M. Keller, Scribe.

George H. Fox, Treasurer. George T. Crawford, Secretary.

2 Marked ; 2 Most Excellent ; 2 Exalted ; 1 admitted ; 0
died ; 1 dimitted ; 0 suspended. 66 members.

TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 248.

Philadelphia. Third Tuesday.

BENJAMIN MAURICE GASKILL, High Priest.

Jacob Beck, King. Samuel S. Talbot, Scribe.

Joseph S. Wright, Treasurer. Elvin Klautsheck, Secretary.

4 Marked ; 4 Most Excellent ; 4 Exalted ; 1 admitted ; 2
restored ; 5 died ; 1 dimitted ; 1 suspended. 162 members.

MONONGAHELA CHAPTER, No. 249.

Monongahela City. Thursday after Full Moon.

REV. JOHN P. NORMAN, High Priest.

Wm. H. Arison, King. R. Stuart D. Hartrick, Scribe.
 James Dickey, Treasurer. Curtis V. Stockdale, Secretary.

6 Marked ; 6 Most Excellent ; 6 Exalted ; 0 suspended. 36
 members.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 250.

Philadelphia. First Monday.

WILLIAM R. PEDDLE, High Priest.

Charles C. Banks, King. William W. Mayberry, Scribe.
 Arnold M. Davis, Treas. James McCormick, Secretary.

7 Marked ; 7 Most Excellent ; 7 Exalted ; 0 admitted ; 0
 died ; 2 dimitted ; 12 suspended. 190 members.

SIGNET CHAPTER, No. 251.

Philadelphia. Third Wednesday.

EDWIN L. EVANS, High Priest.

Henry J. McCarthy, King. W. Harry Stirling, Scribe.
 Silas W. Pettit, Treasurer. Oscar R. Meyers, Secretary.

7 Marked ; 7 Most Excellent ; 7 Exalted ; 0 admitted ; 2
 suspended. 120 members.

MIZPAH CHAPTER, No. 252.

Mahanoy City. Thursday after Full Moon.

JOHN HOLLAND, High Priest.

Moses Weinberg, King. Ebenezer Morris, Scribe.
 Samuel Parmly, Treasurer. Phaon Hermany, Secretary.

2 Marked ; 1 Most Excellent ; 1 Exalted ; 1 rejected. 40
 members.

*NORTH EAST CHAPTER, No. 253.

North East, Erie Co. Second Monday.

ISAAC HORTON, High Priest.

Norman H. Clark, King.	J. M. Dewitt, Scribe.
Sylvester J. Nash, Treasurer.	Henry S. Nash, Secretary.

0 Marked ; 0 Most Excellent ; 0 Exalted. 24 members.

*ARNOLD CHAPTER, No. 254.

Port Allegany, McKean Co. Second Tuesday.

CARLTON R. BARD, High Priest.

H. Jay Barrett, King.	Edwin P. Dalrymple, Scribe.
Enoch D. Dolley, Treasurer.	Ole L. Snyder, Secretary.

0 Marked ; 0 Most Excellent ; 0 Exalted ; 0 resigned. 34 members.

BEDFORD CHAPTER, No. 255.

Bedford. Third Wednesday on or before Full Moon.

FRANK M. AMOS, High Priest.

George Henry, King.	Daniel C. Burns, Scribe.
James Cleaver, Treasurer.	Rev. Charles M. Stock, Sec'y.

3 Marked ; 3 Most Excellent ; 3 Exalted ; 1 dimitted ; 2 suspended. 40 members.

FERNWOOD CHAPTER, No. 256.

Fernwood, Delaware Co. First Tuesday.

MICHAEL YOUNG, High Priest.

Joseph B. Conover, Jr., King.	John Milton Lutz, Scribe.
Oliver B. Moss, Treasurer.	Alfred C. Neall, Secretary.

2 Marked ; 3 Most Excellent ; 3 Exalted ; 1 dimitted ; 2 suspended. 73 members.

SHILOH CHAPTER, No. 257.

Pittsburgh. Third Monday.

CHARLES J. CASSITY, High Priest.

Arthur H. Sholes, King. William S. Brown, Scribe.

Joseph Eichbaum, Treasurer. George W. Robitzer, Secretary.

11 Marked ; 11 Most Excellent ; 14 Exalted ; 0 admitted ;
 2 died ; 1 dimitted ; 1 suspended ; 1 expelled ; 1 rejected.
 134 members.

CHESTER CHAPTER, No. 258.

Chester, Delaware Co. Last Monday.

ROBERT P. MERCER, High Priest.

Thomas Lees, King. William B. Broomall, Scribe.

William Taylor, Treasurer. Theodore W. Stone, Secretary.

3 Marked ; 3 Most Excellent ; 3 Exalted. 96 members.

EDEN CHAPTER, No. 259.

Edenburg, Clarion Co. Second Tuesday.

GEORGE YONKERS, High Priest.

James McGuire, King. John D. Cuffman, Scribe.

Josiah Dobson, Treasurer. Joseph B. Painter, Secretary.

4 Marked ; 4 Most Excellent ; 5 Exalted ; 4 dimitted ; 3
 suspended. 34 members.

BRADFORD CHAPTER, No. 260.

Bradford, McKean Co. Third Thursday.

HENRY TROMBOWER, High Priest.

Phillip W. Shannon, King. Elias Urquhart, Scribe.

Charles L. Wheeler, Treas. Edmund F. Sawyer, Sec'y.

18 Marked ; 18 Most Excellent ; 18 Exalted ; 1 admitted ;
 3 died ; 3 dimitted ; 1 expelled. 167 members.

TROY CHAPTER, No. 261.

Troy, Bradford Co. Thursday on or before Full Moon.

DELOS ROCKWELL, High Priest.

John P. Fletcher, King. William W. Whitman, Scribe.

Francis Green, Treasurer. Robert C. Kendall, Secretary.

9 Marked ; 8 Most Excellent ; 8 Exalted ; 1 admitted : 1 died. 65 members.

MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, No. 262.

Ardmore, Montgomery Co. Thursday after Full Moon.

J. NEWTON MARSHALL, High Priest.

George G. Lennig, King. Ambrose T. Secor, Scribe.

W. Henry Sutton, Treasurer. Thomas McCully, Secretary.

3 Marked ; 4 Most Excellent ; 4 Exalted. 43 members.

COUDERSPORT CHAPTER, No. 263.

Coudersport, Pottor Co. First and Third Wednesdays.

WILLIAM WALLACE THOMPSON, High Priest.

Charles A. Stebbins, King. Willis I. Lewis, Scribe.

Wm. Jackson Brown, Treas. William K. Jones, Sec'y.

1 Marked ; 1 Most Excellent ; 1 Exalted ; 1 admitted ; 1 dimitted. 33 members.

SHAMOKIN CHAPTER, No. 264.

Shamokin, Northumberland Co. Wednesday before Full Moon.

CURTIS Q. McWILLIAMS, High Priest.

Darius S. Gilger, King. Wm. C. McConnell, Scribe.

Darlington R. Kulp, Treasurer. Oscar M. Robins, Secretary.

13 Marked ; 11 Most Excellent ; 11 Exalted ; 1 dimitted. 33 members.

WESTFIELD CHAPTER, No. 265.

Westfield, Tioga Co. First Friday.

GILBERT H. TREMAIN, High Priest.

Elijah H. Thompson, King. Miles W. McNaughton, Scribe.

Lovel Plank, Treasurer. James Masten, M. D., Sec'y

13 Marked ; 12 Most Excellent ; 12 Exalted. 25 members.

MARK LODGES.

COLUMBIA MARK LODGE, No. 91.

Philadelphia. Second Monday.

EDWARD G. WEST, Worshipful Master.

Joseph Orr, Sr. Warden. John Mariner, Jr. Warden.

B. Frank Abbett, Treasurer. James Bleloch, Secretary.

2 admitted ; 11 died ; 4 suspended. 527 members.

GIRARD MARK LODGE, No. 214.

Philadelphia. Second Tuesday.

EDWARD STRICKLAND, Worshipful Master.

Edward Masson, Sr. Warden. John McFarland, Jr. Warden.

George W. Wood, Treasurer. Thomas S. Woodbury, Sec'y.

2 admitted ; 11 died ; 2 dimitted ; 3 suspended. 576 members.

EXCELSIOR MARK LODGE, No. 216.

Philadelphia. Third Tuesday.

CHARLES W. CARNS, Worshipful Master.

Robert Wilson, Sr. Warden. A. R. Underdown, Jr. Warden.

Thomas R. Patton, Treas. Samuel W. Wray, Secretary.

3 died ; 1 ceased. 450 members.

Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania,

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SAMUEL HARPER, CHAIRMAN.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania for 1767 to 1864 have been printed.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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GRAND
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OF PENNSYLVANIA.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

HELD AT

Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, March 5th, 1885.

PRESENT:

Comp. GEORGE W. KENDRICK, Jr., *M. E. Grand High Priest.*

“ MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, *M. E. Grand King.*

“ JAMES S. BARBER, . . . *M. E. Grand Scribe.*

“ THOMAS R. PATTON, . . . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*

“ CHARLES E. MEYER, . . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

and the appointed officers in their respective places.

Past Grand High Priests.—Companions CHARLES E. MEYER,
HIBBERT P. JOHN and AUGUSTUS R. HALL.

Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 162, 169, 173, 175, 182,
183, 190, 193, 195, 197, 198, 199, 201, 202, 208, 216, 221,
232, 233, 234, 235, 240, 243, 246, 248, 250, 251, 256, 257,
258, 262.

Grand Chapter opened in ancient and solemn form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held December 4th, 1884, and of the Annual Communication, held December 27th, 1884, were read and approved.

By-Laws and amendments to the By-Laws were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws from the following Chapters: Nos. 159, 173, 178, 250 and Mark Lodge No. 214.

A petition was read from Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214, asking the Grand Chapter to restore the name of Bro. C. H. R. to the roll of members, his name having been struck off in error. On motion the petition was granted.

General Returns were received from all the Chapters except Nos. 150, 166, 178, 179, 201, 202, 211, 212, 231, 253, 254, 261.

Ordered to be entered and filed.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the M. E. Grand H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania.

BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS:

Your Committee on By-Laws having carefully examined the By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws submitted to them, beg leave to report the following, for your consideration:

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 159 be amended by striking out the whole of Article III; by

striking out the whole of Section 3 of Article IV, and as thus amended said By-Laws be approved. The Chapter can, if it sees fit so to do, adopt Article III, above stricken out, as Rules of Order, but they are not suitable as By-Laws.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 173 be amended by striking out Art. II all after the letters "P. M." down to and including the word "August"; by striking out the last proviso in Article X, and as thus amended said By-Laws be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Mark Lodge No. 214, be amended by striking out of Article II the words "except July and August, which may be omitted by a vote of the Lodge," and as thus amended said By-Laws be approved.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 178 and 250 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,

PHILAD'A, March 5, 1885.

Chairman.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, in feeling words, announced to Grand Chapter the death of Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Andrew Robeno, Jr., and that he had requested Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, Comp. Charles E. Meyer, to prepare a sketch of his Masonic life.

Comp. Meyer then read a memorial of the Masonic life of Past Grand High Priest, Andrew Robeno, Jr.

M. E. Grand High Priest:

Among the many beautiful legends that are here and there found among the antiquities of Freemasonry, and which make the true Masonic student thirst for further knowledge was this:

“In Egypt, among the old Masters, where Masonry was more cultivated than vanity, no one could gain admittance to the sacred asylum of the tomb, until he had passed under the most solemn judgment. A grave tribunal sat in judgment upon all, even the Kings. They said to the dead: “Whoever thou art give account to the country of thine actions! What hast thou done with thy time and life? The law interrogates thee; thy country hears thee; Truth sits in judgment on thee.” Princes came there to be judged, escorted only by their virtues and their vices. A public accuser recounted the history of the dead man’s life, and threw the blaze of the torch of truth on all his actions. If it were adjudged that he had led an evil life, his memory was condemned in the presence of the nation, and his body was denied the honors of sepulture.

“But Masonry has no such tribunal to sit in judgment upon her dead; with her, the good that her sons have done lives after them, and the evil is interred with their bones. She does require, however, that whatever is said concerning them shall be the truth; and should it ever happen that a Mason dies, of whom nothing good can be truthfully said, she will mournfully and pityingly bury him out of her sight in silence.

“Man judgeth not of man. He whose infinite and tender mercy passeth all comprehension, whose goodness endureth forever, has called, one by one, our brethren hence.

“He will judge.”

By the side of the closed grave of one who was to me a friend, brother and companion for over a quarter of a century, during which time not one word except kindness had ever passed between us, associated in office for years, side by side have we stood as witnesses of and participants in the mysteries of Freemasonry.

Standing as I do to-night in this Grand Chapter which he so highly honored and respected, I desire, M. E. Grand High Priest, to testify my respect for the memory of Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Andrew Robeno, Jr.

Andrew Robeno, Jr., was born June 12, 1828, in the City of Philadelphia, and died in this City on January 17, 1885, at 9.40

A. M. He was twice married, and left a wife and two children. He received Masonic light in St. John's Lodge, No. 115, on February 9th, was Crafted April 13th, and Raised June 15th, 1857.

He filled several of the appointed offices, and was elected Junior Warden 1861, Senior Warden 1862, and Worshipful Master in 1863; filling the several offices with credit and dignity to the Lodge and honor to himself. In 1865 he was elected Treasurer of No. 115, and filled that office for the period of nine years. In the Grand Lodge he was elected for many years, successively, as one of the Trustees of Grand Lodge Charity Fund, and was continued until sickness compelled him to decline re-election.

He had the honorary degree of a Mark Master Mason conferred on him in Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214, April 8th, 1862; was received and accepted a Most Excellent Master on January 19, 1863, and was exalted to the supreme degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, on January 19th, 1863.

Here his advancement was as rapid as in the Blue Lodge. He was severally elected as Scribe, as King, and in 1867, as M. E. High Priest, and received the order of High Priesthood.

He was afterwards elected as one of the Trustees, and continued as such until his death.

He was received and greeted as a Royal Super Excellent and select Master Mason in Philadelphia Council, No. 11.

He was constituted, created and dubbed in St. John's Commandery, No. 4. K. T., a Knight of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and a Knight Templar, on January 22d, 1863; was elected and served as its Eminent Commander in 1868-1869, and had the honor of conferring the Orders of Knighthood on 129 candidates during his official year. In 1869 he withdrew for the purpose of organizing Mary Commandery, No. 36, and continued an honored member of the same to the day of his death.

In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry he received the several degrees from the 4th to the 32° in the several bodies of the Rite in Philadelphia, and served as T. P. Grand

Master in Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection in 1871, and as Commander-in-Chief in Philadelphia Consistory 32° 1874 to 1877, and in 1871 was crowned as a Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33° and last degree in Freemasonry.

He was also a member of the Masonic Veteran Association of Pennsylvania, and it was here, where he was surrounded by his Masonic Brethren who had met upon the *level* for twenty-one years or more, that he seemed to pass the pleasantest hours of the last few years of his life.

It is, however, of him as an officer of this Grand Chapter that I now desire to call your attention.

He was appointed Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies in 1868, by Grand High Priest Griscom. In 1869 he served as Grand Master of Third Veil, and was re-appointed for 1870 and 1871.

He was elected as M. E. Grand Scribe, and served as such in 1872, being re-elected for 1873.

Owing to the death of M. E. Comp. John Wilson, Jr., M. E. Grand King, in 1873, Comp. Robeno was elected M. E. Grand High Priest, serving as such during the years 1874 and 1875.

There was no event or occurrence that marked his official life as M. E. Grand High Priest distinctive from that of those who preceded or followed him. Coming upon the throne at a time when Capitular Masonry evidenced decided activity, with the additional stimulus of the opening of the New Masonic Temple, Companion Robeno had the pleasure of Constituting the following new Chapters, No. 246 at Watsonstown, No. 247 at Kittanning, No. 248 at Philadelphia, No. 249 at Monongahela City, No. 250 at Philadelphia, No. 251 at Philadelphia, and No. 252 at Mahanoy City.

Companion Robeno was gifted with an excellent memory, which made him a good ritualist, and which, added to a slow, calm, and dignified manner, made a deep impression on those whom he instructed in the esotery of Masonry.

Several years ago he was stricken with paralysis, which for a time incapacitated him, and in a measure interfered with his masonic duties. On Saturday, January 17th, 1885, he was getting ready to go out with his wife when, without the slightest warning he was stricken and he died without a struggle.

Thus passed away, painlessly, our Companion, who had been one of us for nearly twenty-eight years ; more than a quarter of a century of which was of active masonic work.

Companion Robeno was of a mild disposition, truly charitable and just, and true to his fellows. He was not demonstrative in his actions, was slow to consider, calm in deliberation, and when once having formed an opinion or come to a conclusion he was determined in the maintenance of that decision or opinion. He was affectionate and warm in his attachments to his friends, oftentimes putting up with inconvenience rather than harshly rebuke a fallen brother. He had the faculty of drawing around him hosts of friends, which he retained to the last. He was an earnest, consistent Christian, and with that a good Mason.

He was buried on Tuesday, January 20th, 1885, in Woodland Cemetery.

I submit the following resolutions for the consideration of Grand Chapter :

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter has heard with regret of the death of Past Grand High Priest, Andrew Robeno, Jr., and now place upon record its appreciation of the services rendered by him to Royal Arch Masonry and to this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That as a testimony of our respect for his memory, the Official Jewels be draped in mourning for the space of three months.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The M. E. Grand High Priest also announced the death of Past High Priest Comp. John W. Lee, an active member of this Grand Chapter, one who had served faithfully for years on its several Committees, and one whose loss the Grand Chapter deeply mourns.

The Committee on Finance presented a resolution authorizing the exchange of five thousand dollars of the smaller bonds of Masonic Temple Redemption Loan for one bond of same amount in same loan. The resolution was adopted.

The Grand Chapter was then "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the degree of a Mark Master Mason.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened and the Degree of a Mark Master Mason was then exemplified by the Grand Officers.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was then closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

The Grand Secretary announced the appointment of Companion J. Alexander Simpson as Assistant Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter was closed in peace at 9 o'clock and 50 minutes, P. M.

CHARLES E. MEYER,

Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

HELD AT

Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, June 4th, 1885.

PRESENT:

Comp. GEORGE W. KENDRICK, Jr., *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 “ MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, *M. E. Grand King.*
 “ JAMES S. BARBER, . . . *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
 “ THOMAS R. PATTON, . . . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
 “ CHARLES E. MEYER, . . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

Past Grand High Priests.—CHARLES E. MEYER, WILLIAM C. HAMILTON, M. D., and AUGUSTUS R. HALL.

Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 169, 173, 174, 175, 177, 182, 183, 186, 190, 197, 198, 201, 202, 208, 214, 215, 219, 221, 226, 228, 232, 233, 234, 237, 240, 241, 243, 246, 248, 250, 251, 256, 257, 258, 264.

Grand Chapter was opened in ancient and solemn form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of March 5th, 1885, were read and approved.

Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 183, 197, 234, 256, and 258, also codes from Chapters Nos. 21, 216, 225, and 241 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Chapter at North-East, Erie County, No. 253, having made their annual returns, asked permission

to cease their labors, their Warrant and other properties having been destroyed by fire in November, 1884. On motion the authority under which they worked was resumed by the Grand Chapter.

On motion, Temple Chapter, No. 215, at Erie, was authorized to finish the work of the late Chapter No. 253, at North-East, in accordance with the regulations of this Grand Chapter.

Chapter No. 231, at Bristol, having failed to make their returns in accordance with the Constitution of Grand Chapter, the Warrant of said Chapter was, *ipse facto*, suspended.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report, which was received and the resolution attached thereto unanimously adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:

COMPANIONS:

Your Committee on Correspondence has received and carefully examined a copy of the proceedings of a Convention of Royal Arch Masons held at Sioux Falls, Dakota, February 24, 1885, for the purpose of forming a Grand Chapter for that Territory. Seven of the eight chartered Chapters in the Territory were represented, and the one not represented voted in favor of a Grand Chapter at a preliminary convention held in the preceding June. Representatives from five of the eight Chapters under dispensation were also present, and accorded seats in the Convention.

On the second day, a Constitution was adopted and Grand Officers elected, after which the Convention adjourned, and M. E. Comp. Theodore S. Parvin, of Iowa, acting under a dispensation from the M. E. G. H. Priest, proceeded to constitute the Grand Chapter and instal its officers.

The proceedings were carefully conducted under the lawful requirements, and the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Dakota started upon what we pray may be a prosperous, useful and honorable career.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Chapters under dispensation, Charters were granted to six of such Chapters. The Committee made an excellent beginning in the way of calling attention to improper practices, and *censured* one chapter for "calling to refreshment from one day to another."

Dispensations were granted to four Chapters.

Your Committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Grand H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania recognize the Grand Chapter of Dakota, and extend fraternal congratulations.

Respectfully submitted,

SAM'L HARPER,
For the Committee.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report:

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the
M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:*

BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS:

The Committee on By-Laws to whom was referred the By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws hereinafter mentioned, having carefully examined the same, beg leave respectfully to report the following resolutions for your consideration:

BY-LAWS.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No 21 be amended by striking out of Art. II the words, "The meetings for the months of July and August may be dispensed with by a vote of the Chapter"; by striking out of Sec. 2 of Art. III all after the word "Stewards"; by striking out of Art. X the words "or who may withdraw," also the last sentence of said Article, and as thus amended said By-Laws be then approved,

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 163 be amended by striking out of Art. II the words, "The meetings in the months of July and August may be dispensed with by a vote of the Chapter"; by striking out of Sec. 2 of Art. III all after the word "Stewards"; by striking out of Art. X the words "and at the same time pay all indebtedness to the Chapter up to that meeting, or have the same remitted; on such payment or remission"; by striking out the last sentence of Art. XI, and as thus amended said By-Laws be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 258 be amended by striking out Art. II, Sec. 2, Art. V, Sec. 2, Art. X and Art. XI.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 241 be amended by striking out of Sec. 2 of Art. III the word "organist"; by striking out the whole of Art. V; by striking out of Sec. 2 of Art. VI the words, "shall correctly keep the minutes of each and every stated, extra and special meeting"; by striking out of Art. XII all after the figures "\$5.00," and as thus amended said By-Laws be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 216 and 225 be approved.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 183, 197 and 234 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 256 be approved, and that said Chapter be directed to further amend their By-Laws by striking out of Art. II the words, "The meetings in the months of July and August may be dispensed with by a vote of the Chapter," and by striking out of Art. X the words, "and at the same time pay all indebtedness to the Chapter or have the same remitted; on such payment or remission," because both of these subjects are provided for in the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,

PHILA., JUNE 4th, 1885, A. I. 2415.

Chairman.

On motion the resolutions were adopted.

The Grand Chapter was then "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the degree of a Most Excellent Master Mason.

A Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was opened and the work exemplified.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

Grand Chapter closed in peace at 9.17 o'clock, P. M.

CHARLES E. MEYER,

Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

HELD AT

Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, September 3d, 1885.

PRESENT :

Comp. GEORGE W. KENDRICK, Jr., *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 “ MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, *M. E. Grand King.*
 “ JAMES S. BARBER, . . . *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
 “ WILLIAM J. KELLY, . . . *M. E. Grand Treas., p. t.*
 “ CHARLES E. MEYER, . . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

Past Grand High Priests.—JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON,
 CHARLES E. MEYER, HIBBERT P. JOHN, and AUGUSTUS R.
 HALL.

Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 150, 152, 161, 169, 173, 175,
 182, 183, 186, 189, 190, 195, 197, 198, 208, 210, 213, 221, 222,
 232, 233, 234, 235, 237, 240, 246, 247, 248, 250, 252, 257, 258,
 264.

Grand Chapter opened in ancient and solemn form
 at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of June
 4th, 1885, were read and approved.

Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 52,
 182, 185, 225, and new Code from Chapter No. 200,
 were received and referred to the Committee on
 By-Laws.

The Grand Secretary reported that he had received the books and papers from late Chapter No. 231, at Bristol; also, that he held the receipts for the payment of the debts of the late Chapter No. 253, at North East.

A Communication was received from Chapter No. 162, asking permission to receive and act upon a new petition from J. A. E., rejected in Chapter No. 257, notice of this application having been given to Chapter No. 257.

On motion, permission was granted, under the usual restrictions.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report:

To the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:

COMPANIONS:—The Grand Secretary fraternally presents the following annual report of the Chapters, Mark Lodges and membership of the Jurisdiction for the year ending December 27th, 1884.

CHAPTERS.

The number of members, December 27th, 1883, was	11,317
Admitted during 1884,	81
Marked,	625
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	12,023

DEDUCT.

Dimitted during 1884,	92
Died " "	157
Suspended " "	184
Expelled " "	5
Membership ceased "	13
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	451

Present membership as per returns Dec. 27th, 1884, 11,572

19 have been restored to good Masonic standing.

21 " " rejected. An increase of 255 members.

MARK LODGES.

Number of Members December 27th, 1883.	.	1580
Admitted,	.	9
		—1589

DEDUCT.

Dimitted during 1884,	.	2
Died “ “	.	24
Suspended “ “	.	7
Ceased “ “	.	1
		— 34
		1555

A loss of 25.

Number of Chapters December 27th, 1884,	.	109
Number of Mark Lodges “ “ “	.	3

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES E. MEYER,

PHILADELPHIA, SEPT. 3d, 1885.

Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report which was received, and the Resolutions attached thereto were unanimously adopted:

To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Correspondence have carefully considered the papers referred to them relating to the controversy between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, etc., and report thereon as follows:

To a proper understanding of the controversy, the statement of a few preliminary facts is necessary. In the terms of union between the Ancients and Moderns in England in 1813, it was agreed that Masonry consisted of but the three symbolic degrees, including the Royal Arch. Hence the Mark degree is not recognized by either the United Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter of England, nor are the Lodges and Chapters obedient thereto permitted to work it. The Grand Mark Lodge was formed in

1856, claiming jurisdiction over England, Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown; but it was practically unknown to the Masonic world until 1864, and was not recognized by any Grand Chapter until 1870, when recognition was extended to it by the Grand Chapters of Canada and Ireland. This was followed in 1871 by recognition by the Grand Chapters of Iowa and Pennsylvania, and in 1877 by the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

In 1857 the Grand Chapter of Canada was formed, having jurisdiction over the whole territory of Canada. It included the Mark degree in its curriculum. Several years afterwards a civil division of the territory was made by the government of Canada, and in 1869 the Grand Lodge of Quebec was formed with jurisdiction over the Province of that name. In 1876 the Grand Chapter was formed with the same territorial jurisdiction, and has since been recognized by all Grand Chapters, except the Grand Chapter of England, which offered recognition reserving to itself jurisdiction over England Chapters, but such qualified recognition was declined by the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

In 1878 the Grand Chapter of Quebec recognized the Grand Mark Lodge as the rightful and supreme authority over the Mark degree in England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, "*wherein no Grand Body exists, or of right may be formed, claiming jurisdiction over that degree.*" This recognition was accepted by the Grand Mark Lodge, which promptly and unconditionally recognized the Grand Chapter of Quebec. As the Grand Chapter of Quebec was formed upon the American system, and included the Mark degree, it follows very clearly that its recognition by the Grand Mark Lodge included its jurisdiction over the Mark degree, and under the American doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction, the Grand Mark Lodge surrendered and waived any and all claims which it might have previously asserted over that degree in the Province of Quebec.

In 1882 the Grand Mark Lodge issued two or three warrants for Mark Lodges in that Province; hence the present controversy. The Grand Chapter of Quebec contends that these were new

creations, while the Grand Mark Lodge claims that the Lodges were what are termed in Freemasonry "Time Immemorial," whose members declined to recognize the authority of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and that the warrants granted were simply warrants of confirmation and created no new status.

We do not consider it necessary to reproduce in detail the allegations and arguments of the parties to the controversy, as it would probably tend to embitter the controversy and delay a peaceful and fraternal settlement. The contestants have both been recognized by and are in amity with this Grand Chapter and it is our duty to seek a fraternal solution of the difficulty rather than to run the risk of aggravating it by harsh measures.

In recognizing the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Canada, the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England reserved jurisdiction over English Lodges and Chapters, and, as has already been stated, the Grand Chapter of England has tendered a like recognition to the Grand Chapter of Quebec, which has been declined. This illustrates the views of the English Masons and in part, at least, accounts for the claim of the Grand Mark Lodge to maintain Mark Lodges in Quebec for the benefit of the brethren of English Lodges. It does not, however, justify the claim, but it is a substantial reason for dealing with this unfortunate controversy in the most profoundly fraternal spirit.

Stripped of the many facts which we deem it unnecessary to reproduce, the controversy is narrowed to the American doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction, and we indulge the hope that when our brethren of the Grand Mark Lodge thoroughly realize, as certainly they do not now realize, how indispensably necessary to peace and harmony in the Masonic family the American Mason regard this doctrine, they will cheerfully and fraternally listen to the voice of their American brethren and retrace the steps which, we are satisfied, they have taken without due consideration and deliberation.

We recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the principle of exclusive jurisdiction is the palladium of peace and harmony in the Masonic family, and whilst the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania

regrets that the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, etc., has entered the territory over which the Grand Chapter of Quebec has rightful exclusive jurisdiction, we fraternally recommend that said Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter make a renewed effort to harmonize the controversy now existing between them upon a basis that will ensure a permanent and lasting peace.

Resolved, That to that end the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter be and he is hereby fraternally requested to tender mediation between said Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter with a view to the settlement of said controversy in harmony with the principle of exclusive jurisdiction.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report:

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:

BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS:

Your Committee on By-Laws having carefully examined the By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws referred to them, respectfully report the following resolutions for your consideration, to wit:

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 200 be amended by inserting in Article X, after the word "Masons," the following: "The Committee shall report their recommendation to the Chapter for its action;" and as thus amended said By-Laws be approved.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 183, 185, and 235 be approved.

Chapter No. 52 has submitted an amendment to its By-Laws by which Companions who have been members and paid full dues for twenty years may, on application, be made Life Members without the payment of any fee. We are informed that

this Chapter formerly had a similar clause in its By-Laws, but upon revising them some time since inserted a clause requiring the payment of fifteen dollars for the fee for such privilege, and now they desire to return to the former law. It has been suggested, that as the Grand Chapter has made it imperative in the cases of new Chapters not to make its Charter Members Life Members for a less fee than forty dollars, it shows clearly that it is your intent that some fee should in all cases be charged for Life Membership. Inasmuch as your Committee have in two or three cases approved laws containing a clause similar to said proposed amendment we prefer leaving the question for your consideration so that if in your judgment such a law shall not be approved, those Chapters in whose laws it is to be found with your approval may have notice that such laws are disapproved by you.

Fraternally yours,

J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,

PHILA., Sept. 3, 1885.

Chairman.

On motion the resolutions were adopted.

On motion the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 52 were approved.

The absence of the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Comp. Thomas R. Patton, was announced by the M. E. Grand High Priest as being caused by a visit to the home of his childhood in Ireland.

The Grand Chapter was then "called of," for the purpose of exemplifying the Royal Arch Degree.

The Royal Arch Degree was then exemplified.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

Grand Chapter closed in peace at 9.45 o'clock, P. M.

CHARLES E. MEYER,

Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

HELD AT

Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, December 3d, 1885.

PRESENT:

Comp. GEO. W. KENDRICK, JR., *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 “ MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, *M. E. Grand King.*
 “ JAMES S. BARBER, . . . *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
 “ THOMAS R. PATTON, . . . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
 “ CHARLES E. MEYER, . . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

District Deputy Grand High Priests.—SAMUEL HARPER, JOHN I. BEGGS, SAMUEL L. FRENCH, JOSEPH. H. SIMONDS, WM. F. SHAY, W. G. KRAMER, D. H. SEIBERT, T. S. ADLE, WM. CAMPBELL, WM. H. DILL, JESSE ORR, LUTHER M. FINE and JOHN J. WADSWORTH.

Past Grand High Priests.—Companions GEORGE W. WOOD, CHARLES E. MEYER, HIBBERT P. JOHN and AUGUSTUS R. HALL.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 150, 152, 159, 162, 163, 166, 167, 169, 170, 173, 175, 181, 182, 183, 186, 189, 190, 193, 196, 197, 198, 203, 208, 212, 214, 215, 219, 221, 222, 226, 228, 229, 230, 232, 233, 234, 235, 237, 239, 240, 241, 243, 244, 246, 247, 248, 250, 251, 252, 256, 257, 258, 260, 262.—(59 Chapters.)

Grand Chapter opened in ancient and solemn form at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held September 3d, 1885, were read and approved.

Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 239, Mark Lodge No. 91, and New Code from Chapter No. 199, were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A Communication was received from Fernwood Chapter, No. 256, asking permission to receive and act upon a new petition from E. L. C., rejected in Chapter No. 52, due notice to said Chapter having been given.

On motion, permission was granted under the usual restrictions.

A petition for a new Chapter at Gettysburg was received and, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

The Committee on Work and Jurisprudence made a verbal report, recommending the disuse of a certain part of the work in the Mark Master Masons degree, which was adopted.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report:

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:

COMPANION: The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer, Comp. THOMAS R. PATTON, and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, Comp. CHARLES E. MEYER, from November 20th, 1884, to November 20th, 1885, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand November 20th, 1884,	\$1,795 22
Dues and fees from Chapters and Mark Lodges	4,632 92
Interest on Masonic Loan,	1,000 00
Interest on deposits of Grand Treasurer,	14 80
Sale of Certificates, Constitutions, Attests, Dispen- sations etc.,	27 50
Total,	<u>\$7,470 44</u>

PAYMENTS.

Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest,	\$1,500 00
Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests,	655 88
Salary, Grand Sec. to Sept. 27th, 1885,	750 00
Salary, Grand Secretary's Clerk to Sept. 27th, 1885,	400 00
Salary, Grand Tyler to Sept. 27th, 1885,	150 00
Rent from Sept. 30th, 1884, to Sept. 30th, 1885,	1,700 00
Printing, including proceedings,	274 03
Tuning Organ, one year,	40 00
Official clothing etc.,	56 50
Engrossing resolutions, photograph of P. G. H. Priests and frames for same,	15 20
Postage, Expressage, Stationery and Office expenses, Grand Secretary,	103 15
Chapter No. 218, credited in error,	12 90
	<u>5,657 66</u>

Balance, . . . \$1,812 78

With which to pay balances due on appropriations
to December 27th, 1885, as follows:

Rent from Sept. 30th, 1885, to Dec. 30th, 1885,	\$425 00
Salary of Grand Sec. to Dec. 27th, 1885,	187 50
“ Clerk, “ “ “	100 00
“ G. Tyler, “ “ “	37 50
Tuning Organ to Dec. 30th, 1885,	20 00
	<u>770 00</u>
	<u>\$1,042 78</u>

Brought forward, . . .	\$1,042 78
To which add balance of amounts due from Chapters, as per balance sheet,	<u>233 69</u>
Showing a surplus over all appropriations and ex- penditures to Dec. 27th, 1885, of	\$1,276 47

We have examined the investments held by the M. E. Grand Treasurer, amounting to twenty thousand dollars, all of which are bonds of the five per cent. Masonic Loan, in the name of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and found them correct.

The Committee present the following estimate of receipts and expenditures for the year 1886 :

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand November 20th, 1885, . . .	\$1,812 78
Dues and Fees from Chapters and Mark Lodges, . . .	4,600 00
Interest on Investments,	1,000 00
New Warrant,	100 00
Sales of Constitutions, Certificats, Dispensations, etc.,	<u>30 00</u>
Total,	\$7,542 78

EXPENDITURES.

Rent for 1886,	\$1,700 00
Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest, . . .	1,500 00
“ D. D. “ “ Priests, . . .	700 00
Salary of Grand Secretary, . . .	750 00
“ Clerk,	400 00
“ Grand Tyler,	150 00
Masonic Clothing, etc.,	50 00
Printing, Annual Proceedings, Postage Stationery, etc.,	650 00
Tuning Organ for 1886,	40 00
Balance due on appropriations for 1885,	<u>770 00</u>
	6,710 00
Showing an apparent surplus of	\$832 78

The Committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That appropriations be made for the year 1886 as follows:

For expenses of the M. E. Grand High Priest, .	\$1,500 00
“ “ “ D. D. Grand High Priests in visiting Chapters,	700 00
For Rent,	1,700 00
For Printing, including Annual Proceedings, Pos- tage, Expressage, Stationery, etc.,	650 00
For Salary of Grand Secretary,	750 00
“ “ Clerk,	400 00
“ “ Grand Tyler,	150 00
For Tuning Organ,	40 00
For Masonic Clothing, etc.,	50 00
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	\$5,940 00

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be, and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrants on the M. E. Grand Treasurer for the amounts named in the foregoing resolution, as they become due and payable.

WILLIAM J. KELLY,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
SAMUEL W. WRAY,
CHARLES W. PACKER,
WM. N. VIGUERS,

Committee on Finance.

BALANCES, NOVEMBER 20th, 1885.

After the closing entries are made for the fiscal year 1885.

DR.		CR.	
Due by Chapters, \$	270 50	Due to Chapters, \$	36 81
Cash,	1,812 78	G. Chapter of Pa.,	22,046 47
Investments,	20,000 00		
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	\$22,083 28		\$22,083 28

On motion the Report of the Committee was received, and the Resolutions attached thereto, unanimously adopted.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report:

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and members of the
M. E. Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania:*

BROTHERS AND COMPANIONS:

Your Committee on By-Laws, having carefully examined the By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws referred to them, respectfully report the following resolution for your consideration:

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 199 and the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 239 and Mark Lodge No. 91 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
Philad'a, Dec. 3, 1885. A. I. 2415. *Chairman.*

On motion, the Report was received and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report, which was ordered spread upon the Minutes.

PHILADELPHIA, DEC. 3d, 1885.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania:

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Printing and Publishing report having approved the bills of work done during the year.

Proceedings Grand Chapter for 1884, notices, and stationery for Grand High Priest's and Grand Secretary's offices, \$274.03.

Fraternally submitted,

DENNIS F. DEALY,
Chairman.

This being the time for holding the Annual Election of Officers to serve for the Masonic year beginning on St. John's Day next, tellers were appointed, who reported the following Companions duly elected:

Comp. GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., *M. E. Grand High Priest.*

“ MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, *M. E. Grand King.*

“ JAMES S. BARBER, . . . *M. E. Grand Scribe.*

“ THOMAS R. PATTON, . . . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*

“ CHARLES E. MEYER, . . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

The following amendment to the Constitution was offered and action postponed until the Quarterly Communication in December, 1886:

Amend Paragraph 2 of Section 5, page 5 of Constitution, so as to read:

“The Communications shall commence at 7 o'clock in the evening in the months of March, June and September, and three (3) o'clock in the afternoon in the Quarterly Communication in December.”

WM. J. CARSON.

All except Past High Priests who had received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, the work of conferring the Order of High Priesthood was then exemplified.

The Companions who had retired were then readmitted.

The Grand Chapter was closed in peace at 8.50 o'clock.

CHARLES E. MEYER,

Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

HELD AT

Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, St. John's Day, December 27th, 1885.

PRESENT:

- Comp. GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR. *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 " MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, *M. E. Grand King.*
 " JAMES S. BARBER, . . . *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
 " THOMAS R. PATTON, . . . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
 " CHARLES E. MEYER, . . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*
 " J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON, . . . *Ass't Grand Secretary.*
 " REV. HENRY S. GETZ D.D. } *Grand Chaplain.*
 " WILLIAM A. PIPER M. D. }
 " ELLSWORTH H. HULTS, . . . *Grand Captain of the Host.*
 " STOCKTON BATES, . . . *Grand Principal Sojourner.*
 " EDWARD KNIPE, . . . *Grand R. A. Captain.*
 " JOHN W. HASELTINE, . . . *Grand Master of 3d Veil, p. t.*
 " CHARLES H. DOWNING, . . . *Grand Master of 2d Veil, p. t.*
 " L. HASSEL LAPP, . . . *Grand Master of 1st Veil, p. t.*
 " HENRY T. KINGSTON, . . . *Grand Pursuivant.*
 " EDWARD MASSON, . . . *Grand Marshall.*
 " SAMUEL I. GIVIN, . . . *S. G. Master Ceremonies.*
 " CHARLES W. PACKER, . . . *J. G. Master Ceremonies, p. t.*
 " WILLIAM A. SINN, . . . *Grand Tyler.*

Past Grand High Priests.—GEORGE W. WOOD, CHARLES E. MEYER, HIBBERT P. JOHN and AUGUSTUS R. HALL.

Grand Representatives.

Companion GEORGE W. WOOD, of Grand Chapter of Virginia.

Companion CHARLES E. MEYER, of Grand Chapters of New York, Illinois, South Carolina, Iowa, Massachusetts, Quebec, Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, Grand Mark Lodge of England, and Wales.

Companion HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

“ JOHN L. YOUNG, of Grand Chapter of Maine.

“ THOMAS R. PATTON, Grand Chapters of Nebraska and Canada.

“ WILLIAM J. KELLY, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

“ AUGUSTUS R. HALL, of Grand Chapter of Indiana.

“ JAMES S. BARBER, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

“ ELLSWORTH H. HULTS, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.

Representatives of Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 166, 169, 173, 175, 183, 190, 198, 208, 223, 232, 240, 241, 243, 250, 251, 257, 258, 262.

The Grand Chapter opened in solemn form at 6 o'clock.

GENERAL RETURNS were received from a number of Chapters, which were ordered to be entered and filed.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report (*see Appendix*), which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to print.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, George W. Kendrick Jr., then presented the following report, which was listened to with marked attention by the Companions:

MY DEAR COMPANIONS :

The year just closing has become a record of the past, never to be recalled, either to be amended or to change its bearings, it may be looked upon as a matter of experience, possessing many advantages to be recounted only by the noble deeds of the future; how it may compare with the preceding ones, we must leave to be judged by those who come hereafter.

How pleasant it is at times to refer to the past, when we find it associated with many brilliant tithes of friendship, fraternal greetings and brotherly words of kindness. I often fear we fail to realize and appreciate the true intent and meaning of the sincerity of our obligations. Too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance and magnitude of the duty we owe each other.

It is very difficult to find perfection anywhere in this life of toil; but when we reach the zenith, if we can but avoid and prevent retroaction, then we can really feel we have not labored in vain.

Through the earnest endeavors of my predecessors, Capitular Masonry has grown and increased in usefulness, and I have no doubt will continue to do so. I have visited, exemplified, instructed, criticised, and endeavored to impart such information as I hoped might be for the best interests of the Craft. It has been a proud satisfaction to realize the cordial greeting, the warm firm giving and taking of the hand, indicating the true spirit of loyalty to the parent body.

The work performed in many subordinate bodies deserved and received our highest commendations, and will compare favorably with the exalted ideal of this Grand Body.

No conceivable imagination can fully appreciate nor realize the immense amount of benefit to be derived from frequent visitations of the Grand Officers; the increased attendance, the apparent interest manifested, the earnest desire to learn the smallest details in the work, prove, beyond question of doubt, the great good accomplished and gained. My visits outside of our city have been to such Chapters as seem to have been most neglected, some never having received a Grand Visitation since their constitution. The subordinates can be reported upon, only by the supervision of their superiors.

The exemplifications in this Grand Chapter, are of themselves schools of instruction, wherein every companion, be he an officer or not, is welcome, has an equal opportunity, to familiarize himself with our ritual, so that should he visit another jurisdiction, we may have the proud satisfaction of his being introduced and recognized as a bright Royal Arch Mason from Pennsylvania, thereby giving credit to the teachings of our craft.

- The hurrying host o'er crowds the van,
 With plaudit and acclaim
 To show his honor to the Companion
 Who makes himself a name
 Indeed all honor should be his
 That brethren can bestow.
 A good name! What can better be
 In happiness or woe?

By keeping our own standards high, our principles firm, our hearts sympathetic, we may exercise a deeper influence for good, over those with whom we mingle, than by any set efforts to alter our outward actions.

He who thus lives will be able to touch the secret springs of character, and through a delicate though unconscious power, to arouse dormant desires for good, by his words as well as by his example.

Social intercourse and conversation are a part of all our lives. The social feature of our order, properly encouraged, produces incalculable results.

Both improvement and pleasure depend upon our well-selected friendships. Still he is a poor companion for others, who can do nothing for himself. He who has nothing in him, has nothing to impart to his companions.

Companionship seems to be underated, and is certainly not utilized to anything like full advantage.

Capitular masonry inculcates noble, sublime, intellectual teachings, and at every step the candidate is lifted higher, pointed upward to that bright star which illumines the sight.

We miss the genial countenances of many beloved ones, who have been summoned from this earthly abode, to render an account

of their stewardship; how their answers may accord with the requirements, this life will never reveal to us, but we have the consolation in our records, of noble deeds, holy aspirations and sincerity of purpose.

We mourn the following :

DEATHS 1885.

Chapter No.	3.	ANDREW ROBENO JR., FRANK MILLS, JACOB H. FILSON, JOHN NEILL.
"	21.	WILLIAM T. BISHOP, ROBERT L. MUARCH.
"	43.	JOHN L. ATLEE M. D.
"	52.	JOSEPH E. BOWEN, JOHN SIDNEY JONES.
"	91.	SAMUEL A. BISPHAM, JOHN STEWART.
"	152.	JOS. L. STICHTER, SEYMOUR H. GARRIGUES.
"	183.	GEORGE A. HEINEMAN, WM. T. SEARS.
"	201.	JOSEPH WATSON, GRAFFUS MILLER.
"	208.	FREDERICK J. HIBBERD.
"	225.	ALEXIS L. GORDEN.
"	233.	JOHN W. LEE.
"	236.	WILLIAM T. GROVES.
"	240.	SAMUEL Z. TRIPPLE.
"	251.	CHARLES K. IDE.
"	256.	JOSEPH B. CONOVER JR.
"	264.	OSCAR W. ROBINS M. D.

I never stand above a bier and see
The seal of death set on some well-loved face
But that I think, "One more to welcome me,"
When I shall cross the intervening space
Between this land and that one over there;
One more to make the strange Beyond seem fair.

The condition and standing of our jurisdiction, both as to numbers and finances, is to be commended and worthy of our warmest congratulations our reports show most encouraging increased membership.

The subordinate Chapters need our united efforts, to make them useful and productive of good results, that we may rely upon them, for the advancement of companionship.

It is often the incompetency of the officers, that prevents the Chapter from being attractive, and members are compelled to seek other Chapters more desirable, but the censure for this lies

in the members themselves, who alone have the power of making the selection, you should see that those you honor are worthy, and acceptable toilers in the Vineyard.

We justly hold him in honor, who faithfully takes up that which falls to his lot and fulfills the duties it involves. Our powers are all limited and their best efficiency is never secured by straining them to the utmost.

Things done well and with a care exempt themselves from fear. Things done without example, in their issue are to be feared.

It is what a companion most eagerly wishes for, most resolutely follows that makes him what he is and orders what he does.

Sympathy guided by wisdom and inspired by Love can do much to purify our character.

During the year I received the resignation of Francis Muhlenberg, M. D., Grand Master of 3d Vail, occasioned by his visit to Europe to pursue his studies, which I regretfully accepted, as he had proven a most valuable officer. May he realize his greatest expectations, and on his return find many warm hearts to welcome him, whom he has endeared by his manly qualities.

The laws of Capitular Masonry have been so well understood and so clearly defined, by my learned predecessors that I have not been called upon in a single instance to make a decision; which speaks volumes for the craft.

The following dispensations were issued :

January 5th.—Dispensation to Delta Chapter, No. 170, New Castle, to elect King and Scribe, having removed.

January 17th.—Dispensation to Norma Chapter, No. 244, Sharon, to hold special election for Secretary, having removed.

February 9th.—Dispensation to Catawissa Chapter, No. 178, Catawissa, to hold special election of Officers. (Failed to elect at proper time.)

February 14th.—Granted permission to Grand High Priest of New Jersey for Wilson Chapter, of Lambertville, N. J., to receive and act upon the petition of a resident of Pennsylvania,

February 17th.—Granted permission to Grand High Priest of Maryland to receive and act upon the petitions of two residents of Pennsylvania.

March 17th.—Dispensation to Kensington Chapter, No. 233, to hold special election for Treasurer, the Treasurer having died.

May 28th.—Granted permission to Grand High Priest of New Jersey for Sioam Chapter, No. 19, of New Jersey, to receive and act upon petition of a resident of this Jurisdiction.

May 29th.—Refused permission to Chapter No. 198 to confer the Royal Arch Degree, forthwith.

In all my official acts, I have been actuated with the sole desire to best promote the welfare of my companions.

My endeavors have ever come too short of my desires, yet filled with my ability.

So much of the Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication of December 3d, 1885, referring to the election of Grand officers was read.

The M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to invite Past Grand High Priest, Comp. Augustus R. Hall, to install the Grand Officers elect.

All but Past High Priests, who had received the order of High Priesthood, having retired.

Comp. George W. Kendrick, Jr., was installed as M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and the Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging. He was duly proclaimed as such and received the salutations of the Craft.

The Companions who had retired were re-admitted when the following Grand Officers were severally

installed, and were each duly proclaimed and received the salutations of the Craft:

Comp. MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, . *M. E. Grand King.*
 " JAMES SHALLCROSS BARBER, . *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
 " THOMAS R. PATTON, . . . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
 " CHARLES E. MEYER, . . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

The M. E. Grand High Priest was then pleased to announce the following appointments for the ensuing Masonic year:

Grand Captain of the Host :

Comp. ELLSWORTH H. HULTS.

Grand Principal Sojourner :

Comp. STOCKTON BATES.

Grand R. A. Captain :

Comp. EDWARD P. KNIPE.

Grand Chaplains :

Comp. Rev. THOS. J. DAVIS, D. D.

Comp. Rev. HENRY S. GETZ, D. D.

Comp. WM. A. PIPER, M. D.

Grand Master of Third Vail :

Comp. JOHN W. HASELTINE.

Grand Master of Second Vail :

Comp. CHARLES H. DOWNING.

Grand Master of First Vail :

Comp. L. HASSELL LAPP.

Grand Marshal :

Comp. EDWARD MASSON.

S. G. Master of Ceremonies :

Comp. SAMUEL I. GIVIN.

J. G. Master of Ceremonies :

Comp. EDWIN H. COANE.

Grand Pursuivant :

Comp. HARRY T. KINGSTON.

Grand Tyler :

Comp. WILLIAM ANDREW SINN.

Committee on Work and Jurisprudence :

Comp. AUGUSTUS R. HALL. P. G. H. P.,

“ WM. C. HAMILTON. P. G. H. P.,

“ HIBBERT P. JOHN, P. G. H. P.,

“ JOHN KELLER, JR.

In conjunction with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Committee on Finance :

Comp. WM. J. KELLY,

“ M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,

“ CHARLES W. PACKER,

“ SAMUEL W. WRAY,

“ WM. N. VIGUERS.

Committee on Correspondence :

Comp. SAMUEL HARPER,

“ E. COPPEÉ MITCHELL,

“ ALEXANDER H. MORGAN,

“ HENRY R. COULOMB,

“ ISAAC C. PRICE.

Committee on By-Laws :

Comp. J. ALEX. SIMPSON,
 " JOHN L. YOUNG,
 " WILLIAM A. MORTON,
 " LOUIS SCHMITT,
 " CHARLES W. NOLEN.

Committee on Appeals :

Comp. SAMUEL C. PERKINS, P. G. H. P.,
 " ANDREW ZANE, JR.,
 " B. FRANK ABBETT,
 " LOUIS WAGNER,
 " IRVING P. WANGER.

Committee on Charity :

Comp. JOHN H. DYE,
 " DAVID S. CRAVEN,
 " PETER E. WEISER,
 " CHARLES A. ZERBE,
 " A. C. W. BEECHER.

Committee on Printing and Publishing :

Comp. DENNIS F. DEALY,
 " CHARLES CARY,
 " ARTHUR THACHER.
 " WM. B. MEREDITH,
 " EDGAR FRIES.

District Deputy Grand High Priests :

*The Counties of Mercer, Crawford and Lawrence will be under
 the M. E. GRAND KING, M. E. COMP. MATTHIAS H.
 HENDERSON.*

1.—Companion SAMUEL HARPER, of Pittsburgh, for
 Counties of Allegheny, Washington, Greene, Butler,
 Fayette, Westmoreland, Beaver and Armstrong.

- 2.—Companion ANDREW J. KAUFFMAN, of Columbia, for Counties of Lancaster, Adams and York.
- 3.—Companion WM. CAMPBELL, of Media, for Counties of Delaware and Chester, except Chapter 198 at Phoenixville.
- 4.—Companion JOHN I. BEGGS, of Harrisburg, for Counties of Dauphin, Cumberland and Franklin.
- 5.—Companion THADDEUS S. ADLE, of Norristown, for Counties of Montgomery and Berks, and Chapter No. 198 at Phoenixville.
- 6.—Companion JESSE ORR, of Reading, for Counties of Berks and Lebanon.
- 7.—Companion DAVID H. SEIBERT, of Pottsville, for County of Schuylkill.
- 8.—Companion LAIRD H. BARBER, of Mauch Chunk, for Counties of Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon and Monroe
- 9.—Companion SAMUEL L. FRENCH, of Plymouth, for Counties of Luzerne, Lackawanna, Pike and Wayne.
- 10.—Companion JAMES H. CODDING, of Towanda, for Counties of Bradford, Wyoming, Susquehanna, Sullivan and Tioga.
- 11.—Companion JOSEPH H. SIMONDS, of Bradford, for Counties of McKean, Elk, Emporium, Potter and Cameron
- 12.—Companion WM. F. SHAY, of Watsontown, for Counties of Lycoming, Clinton, Elk, Snyder and Union, and Chapter 246 at Watsontown.
- 13.—Companion WILLIAM G. KRAMER, of Danville, for Counties of Northumberland, Columbia and Montour, except Chapter 246 at Watsontown.

- 14.—Companion JOHN H. DIBERT, of Johnstown, for Counties of Cambria, Somerset, Indiana and Blair.
- 15.—Companion WM. H. DILL, of Clearfield, for County of Clearfield.
- 16.—Companion H. M. VAN ZANDT, of Lewistown, for Counties of Mifflin, Bedford, Huntingdon, Juniata, Fulton and Perry.
- 17.—Companion ANDREW W. COX, of Oil City, for Counties of Venango, Clarion, Jefferson and Forrest.
- 18.—Companion JOHN. J. WADSWORTH, of Erie, for Counties of Erie and Warren.
- 19.—Companion ELIAS W. HALE, M. D., of Bellefonte, for County of Centre.

Grand Chapter closed in peace at 7.25 o'clock, P. M.

CHARLES E. MEYER,

Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally report that they have received and reviewed the Proceedings of the following Grand Chapters:

Arkansas, . . .	1884.	Mississippi, . . .	1885.
Canada, . . .	1885.	Missouri, . . .	1885.
Colorado, . . .	1885.	Nebraska, . . .	1884.
Connecticut, . .	1885.	Nevada, . , .	1884-5.
Dakota, . . .	1885.	New Hampshire, .	1885.
Illinois, . . .	1885.	New Jersey, . .	1884.
Indiana, . . .	1885.	New York, . . .	1885.
Iowa, . . .	1884.	North Carolina, .	1885.
Kansas, . . .	1885.	Ohio, . . .	1884.
Kentucky, . . .	1884.	Oregon, . . .	1885.
Louisiana, . . .	1885.	Quebec, . . .	1885.
Maine, . . .	1885.	Vermont, . . .	1884-5.
Maryland, . . .	1884-5.	Washington, . .	1885.
Massachusetts, .	1884.	West Virginia, .	1883-4.
Michigan, . . .	1885.	Wisconsin, . . .	1885.

ARKANSAS, 1884.

Companion George L. Kimball, M. E. Grand High Priest, opened the thirty-fifth Annual Convocation at Little Rock on the 27th day of November.

The address is devoted principally to local affairs, is clearly stated and pleasantly written. In announcing the death of Companion Elbert H. English, he uses the following language.

“As a Mason his reputation was not merely local, but national and worldwide. We all admired him for his honesty, integrity and Spartan virtues, and also for the wise and impartial manner and the unvarying courtesy with which he ever discharged the high and important trusts confided to his hands. His reasoning powers were unusually strong, and his command of language good, and in the discussion of the great principles underlying the body of our Institution showed a calm, clear, judicial sense, equal at all times to the requirements of the question before him. Never hasty in the formation of his opinions; always courteous, charitable and conciliatory. His profound knowledge of the history and literature of Masonry, its ancient landmarks, its growth and developments and its jurisprudence, together with a keen appreciation of the beautiful in nature and art, and a rare imagination, enabled him not only to present his views with peculiar force and power, but to illustrate them with gems of thought resplendent with grace and beauty.”

Harmony prevails in the jurisdiction, and notwithstanding the unfavorable condition of business, the Fraternity has made as much progress as could be reasonably hoped for. He has great faith in the visits of Grand Officers to create enthusiasm and healthy emulation among Masonic bodies, and is of the opinion that every Chapter should be visited at least once in each year. Attention is directed to the importance of every Mark Master Mason having his Mark recorded, and in this connection he says, that the neglect of this duty is more the rule than the exception.

Owing to the weakness of the treasury the Committee on Finance recommended that "the per capita dues be raised to fifty cents per capita, or the law paying mileage and per diem be repealed." The record says that the report was adopted, and we would be at a loss to know which branch of the recommendation was agreed to were it not that later on in the proceedings we find that a resolution was unanimously adopted amending the Constitution increasing the per capita to fifty cents. And so the per diem and mileage remain.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their report, of which two of the Committee say: "For the thorough and complete manner in which this great labor has been performed, we are indebted to the zeal and industry of Companion R. E. Salle, Chairman of the Committee. We feel it due to Companion Salle to make the statement, as he is not with us at this convocation."

And this is what was done with it:

"Resolved. That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and are hereby extended to Companion R. E. Salle for his zeal and efficiency in preparing the review; and we regret sincerely that the state of our finances this year is such as to prevent us from publishing any report on foreign correspondence with the Proceedings."

Logan H. Roots, Grand High Priest; James A. Henry, Grand Secretary, both of Little Rock; George A. Donnally, Centre Hill, Chairman Correspondence Committee.

CANADA, 1885.

Most Excellent Companion Henry Macpherson, Grand Z., opened the twenty eighth Annual Convocation at Hamilton, July 10th. The elective Grand officers were all present, with a long list of Past Grand officers, representatives of twenty-five Grand Chapters and of sixty-seven out of the eighty-one Chapters in the jurisdiction.

The Grand Z. reports that while there has been no marked increase in the number of Chapters on the roll, prosperity has attended most of them and the members all have worked together harmoniously. A dispensation was issued for a new Chapter at Alliston, and the Grand Chapter voted a warrant under the name of Spry Chapter.

The finances of the Grand Chapter are in a healthy condition, there being \$6,000 invested and \$4,243.01 in the hands of the Treasurer, making a total of \$10,243.01.

A proposition to reprint the proceedings for the years that are out of print was not adopted as it would involve an expenditure of at least \$1,200.

The Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry presented an interesting report, from which we give the following extract because it is pertinent to other jurisdictions besides Canada:

The reports this year, with the exception named, do not indicate that the interest is as great as it should be in Capitular Masonry. We look for Chapters of Instruction and we find none, and thus a most important part of the work is overlooked. It is by exemplification of the work that perfection can alone be reached, and when so many opportunities are offered to Grand Superintendents, and the facilities for travel are so numerous, it is to be regretted that this feature in the routine of labor has been omitted.

The official visitations of Chapters has apparently been neglected by many superintendents, and the bond of friendship, fellowship and good will, which would always be strengthened by these visits, is weakened, and our work suffers.

We had not intended to refer specially to the action of any Grand Chapter on the Quebec trouble, but owing to the peculiar relations existing between the Grand Chapters of Canada and Quebec we think it best to make an exception and quote the following which was adopted on the report of the Executive Committee on the Grand Z's address:

The Grand Mark M. M. Lodge of England not having complied with the requirements of this Grand Chapter as to the withdrawal of warrants issued to lodges in the Province of Quebec, the Executive Committee recommend that an edict of non-intercourse be issued to the several Chapters throughout this jurisdiction.

In eighty-four pages Companion Henry Robertson very genially reviews the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Chapters, including Pennsylvania for 1884. A very large portion of the address of Grand High Priest Hall, including several of his decisions, is given. We are sorry the fact that we are behind time with our report renders it impossible for us to devote more attention to Companion Robertson's readable production.

Thomas Sargant, Toronto, Grand Z.; David McLellan, Hamilton, Grand Scribe E.; Henry Robertson, Collingwood, Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

COLORADO, 1885.

The eleventh Annual Convocation was held at Denver, September 17th and opened in ample form by Most Excellent Companion Horace A. Banks, Grand High Priest, with all the Grand Officers but one in their stations and places. Sixteen Grand Chapters and all the Subordinate Chapters, seventeen in number, were represented.

The Annual address is short and to the point. One of the first and most important things reported is that harmony prevailed throughout the jurisdiction during the year. A dispensation was issued for San Luis Valley Chapter at Alamosa, Conejos County, and a charter for the same was granted by the Grand Chapter.

The financial condition of the Grand Chapter is strong. At the beginning of the year the balance in the hands of the Treasurer was \$3,050.50, and this was increased at the close of the year to \$4,571.93. This is a magnificent showing for a Grand Chapter yet in its infancy and which works under the per diem and mileage system. The sum of three thousand dollars was ordered to be invested and the dues of the Grand Chapter reduced from one dollar to fifty cents per member.

The following resolution was rejected:

“Resolved, That no candidate be permitted to advance in the Capitular degrees until he has passed a satisfactory examination in the lectures of the preceding degrees.”

An amendment to the Constitution, reducing the minimum fee for conferring the Chapter degrees from fifty to thirty dollars, was also rejected.

In fifty-seven pages Companion George Wyman briefly but pleasantly reviews the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, including Pennsylvania. The best reason we can offer for not saying more about it, is its conclusion:

“The object held in view has been rather to extract matters likely to be of interest to Colorado Companions than to indulge them with many comments or arguments based upon an experience in Royal Arch Masonry too limited to assure their value.”

Laurence N. Greenleaf, Denver, Grand High Priest; Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown, Grand Secretary, and Byron L. Carr, Longmont, Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

CONNECTICUT, 1885.

The eighty-seventh Annual Convocation was opened at New Haven, May 12th, by M. E. Companion Chester Tilden, Grand High Priest. Nearly all the Grand Officers, eight Past Grand High Priests, representatives from thirteen Grand Chapters and from all the subordinate Chapters, thirty-seven in number, were present.

The Annual Address is a pleasant, well written document, but as it deals almost exclusively with local affairs there is nothing in it that would be of general interest. It may, however, seem strange to our readers, as it certainly was strange to us, that there was a necessity for a recommendation that a regulation be adopted requiring the subordinate Chapters to elect their officers in the same period of time, yet such is the fact, for we are informed that elections are now held in five different months, January, March, April, September and December.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom this subject was referred, reported the following resolution, which was adopted, but wherein it remedies the difficulty complained of is past our comprehension:

“Resolved, That every Chapter within this jurisdiction shall hold an election of officers once in each year, and any Royal Arch Mason in good standing shall be eligible to any office of the Chapter of which he may be a member; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Chapter, within ten days after such election, to transmit to the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary the names of the officers elected.”

The Committee appointed on the subject of a new ritual made a report recommending that the matter be indefinitely postponed, and such was the conclusion arrived at by the Grand Chapter.

M. E. Companion Alfred F. Chapman, General Grand High Priest, was present and received with the honor due to his office. Later a vote of thanks was tendered to him for his visit, when he seems to have acknowledged in an eminently practical way, for the record then states that he installed the newly elected officers.

Companion John H. Barlow presented the report on Correspondence (81 pp.), in the introduction to which he says that he had before him the proceedings of all the Grand Chapters in the United States, except Delaware, Florida and New Jersey. That he is opposed to all innovations and holds fast to the old and tried ways is evident from the following passage, which we quote from his review of Illinois:

“Strip Masonry of its ancient moorings, and it is no better than many of the modern societies. We, however, object to the theory that an installed officer can resign, for the same reason that it belongs to the so-called advanced theory, and tends to modernize our ancient fraternity.”

The notice of Pennsylvania is very fraternal; but for reasons which we have made apparent elsewhere we cannot quote more largely from this excellent report. Should we be continued a year longer at this desk we shall endeavor to become more intimately acquainted with Companion Barlow.

James McCormick, Hartford, Grand High Priest; Joseph R. Wheeler, Hartford, Grand Secretary; John H. Barlow, Birmingham, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

DAKOTA, 1885.

Our young sister starts out well. The first Annual Convocation, which opened at Fargo June 8th, was attended by M. E. Companion William Blatt, Grand High Priest, and the other Grand Officers and by representatives of twelve of the fifteen Chartered Chapters. The five Chapters under dispensation were also represented.

The Annual Address shows that there was no lack of effort on the part of the Most Excellent to lay the foundations of the Grand Chapter deep and strong. It reports that the five Chapters authorized at the initial Grand Convocation had been constituted and that dispensations had been issued for new Chapters at Denver, Brookings, Flandrau and Redfield. The following decision is reported:

"I was asked: Is it necessary for an actual Master or Past Master of a symbolic lodge to take the degree of P. M. in the Chapter before he can be advanced? I replied in the affirmative. But upon reflection I think this decision will bear modification. It is certainly questionable whether said degree constitutes any part of ancient craft Masonry, and in many jurisdictions it is not requisite to the installation of a Master elect. But our adopted ritual says that the degree of Royal Arch was formally conferred only upon those who had actually been elected to and presided over a symbolic lodge. That to extend the privileges of the Holy Royal Arch, the P. M. degree was conferred as an honorarium, as it were, upon all those who should be deemed worthy. Whether this statement of our ritual be based upon fact or not, we must nominally accept it as such, and hence my decision would not harmonize with our ritual. I would suggest the following: That when a brother who has been installed to preside over a symbolic lodge petitions for the capitular degrees, the degree of P. M. need not be conferred upon him if he is KNOWN to have received the same by virtue of his service as Master of a lodge."

The report of R. E. Companion Thomas J. Wilder, Grand Secretary, is very complete, and proves that officer to be a very efficient coadjutor to the Grand High Priest. From it we learn that the receipts had been \$468, and that the total membership, including that of the Chapters U. D., is 638.

We are sorry to say that the Committee on Grievances and Appeals had something to do, but as it related to an unintentional violation of jurisdiction the offence complained of was not heinous. We trust that this Committee if it continues will continue only in name.

The Grand High Priest expressed the opinion that very great caution should be exercised in authorizing new Chapters, and that in view of the fact that the membership of the Lodges in the Territory was generally small, a Chapter should be able to draw its membership from no less than four or five Lodges. This no doubt resulted in the following proposed resolution:

"Resolved, That no dispensation shall be granted to form a new Chapter within a less distance than twenty-five miles of a Chapter already organized; nor unless there be four lodges under its jurisdiction; Provided, That this rule shall not apply to points on both sides of the Missouri river; and Provided further, it shall not apply to a town or city of over 3,000 inhabitants."

It was not adopted, for reasons that are not given.

Charters were directed to issue to the five Chapters U. D. The Grand Secretary reported petitions for new Chapters at Pierre and Vermillion. The Committee to whom they were referred reported:

"The matter of granting dispensations being the prerogative of the Grand High Priest, the petitions of the Companions at Pierre and Vermilion are respectfully referred to him with recommendation that dispensations be granted."

Unless the local law provides for such a case we are disposed to think that the Committee is in error, as we are of the opinion that the Grand Chapter has power while in session to grant dis-

pensations, and that the Grand High Priest's prerogative can only be exercised during recess.

The following explains itself, and shows that the Grand Chapter is not going to fall into the same want of system which we have elsewhere observed exists in another jurisdiction where officers are installed in five different months:

“Resolved, That section 3, article 3 of the by-laws for the government of Chapters U. D., and recommended for the adoption of all chartered Chapters in this jurisdiction, be amended so as to read, ‘The installation of officers shall take place on or before the festival of St. John’s day.’”

At the end of the proceedings is appended a note stating that since the close of the convocation a fraternal communication of recognition had been received from the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

There is no report on correspondence.

The same officers were re-elected, William Blatt, Yankton, Grand High Priest; Thomas J. Wilder, Casselton, Grand Secretary, and the latter is announced as Committee on Correspondence.

ILLINOIS, 1885.

The thirty-sixth Annual Convocation was held at Chicago, October 29 and 30. M. E. Companion John A. Ladd, Grand High Priest, all the elected Grand officers, thirteen Past Grand High Priests, representatives of thirty Grand Chapters and of all but four of the one hundred and sixty-three Subordinate Chapters were present.

The Annual Address makes fraternal mention of the dead of the year; reports that Delta Chapter, No. 191, Lake, Cook County and Maroa Chapter, No. 192, Maroa, Mason County,

had been constituted, and that a dispensation had been granted for a new Chapter at Albion, Edwards County, to be known as Albion. There is little, if any, but what is purely local in the address, and of course it would not be of interest to our readers to state its contents at further length.

The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer show that the Grand Chapter is in a highly prosperous condition. The balance in the hands of the latter at the beginning of the year was \$11,205.99, and although the sum of \$4,279.17 was paid out for investments, the balance is now \$9,513.80. The assets of the Grand Chapter are of the par value of \$16,513.80, and of the market value of \$17,470.05.

The number of Royal Arch Masons in the jurisdiction is 11,816, an increase of five over the previous year. Reports were received from all the Chapters but eight, and in forty-eight no work was done during the year.

Probably one of the most important and interesting parts of the proceedings was the following report, which was adopted and its recommendations concurred in. Although somewhat lengthy it is worthy to be preserved at length. It is as follows:

“To the M. E. Grand High Priest, officers and members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Illinois:

“Your Committee to whom was referred, at our last Annual Convention, the following resolution, offered by E. Comp. W. E. Ginther,

‘*Resolved.* That all that part of the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, expressing the opinion that our Masonry is not legitimate, and that the Chapter is not regular and duly constituted, be and is hereby emphatically rejected.’

“Together with the subject matter of ‘Report on Correspondence’ and the following preambles and Resolutions offered by Comp. D. C. Cregier.

‘WHEREAS, This Grand Chapter is the only source of authority and exercises exclusive jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to Capitular Masonry in the State of Illinois, and

WHEREAS. This declaration includes the possession of, exclusive authority over, and control and custody of, all and every the esoteric and exoteric ceremonies and rituals pertaining to the several degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch; and,

WHEREAS, These claims are essential to, and consistent with, the sovereign powers and dignity of this Grand Chapter, as well as to other Bodies of Masons; therefore,

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois hereby interdicts the use or practice of any of the esoteric ceremonies or rituals, pertaining to any of the degrees over which it has jurisdiction, by any Companion of its obedience, in any Masonic Body or organization of Masons, other than this Grand Chapter or the constituent Chapters under its jurisdiction; and be it further

Resolved, That the use or practice of any esoteric ceremony or ritual pertaining to any Masonic Body or organization of Masons, or of any degree, or degrees of Masonry, other than that of M. M., P. M., M. E. M. and R. A. are hereby interdicted in the Grand Chapter and in every constituent Chapter under its jurisdiction, and be it further

Resolved, That any Companion violating any of the mandates herein specified shall be subject to discipline therefor.'

"Respectfully reports, that at its meeting held on the twenty-fourth day of February, in the city of Chicago, there were present all the Committee except M. E. Comp. J. A. Hawley.

"Comp. T. T. Gurney, D. C. Cregier and W. E. Ginther, having been duly notified, were present. In response to an invitation M. E. Jno. A. Ladd, G. H. P., was also present and aided the Committee with his counsel.

"Before examination and discussion, Comp. Gurney submitted the following statement, to-wit:—

"‘I deny that the above resolution of Comp. Ginther, is a correct statement of my view respecting the Masonic character of the Chapter. I have never said that the chapter was illegitimate, but I have said that there is no Masonry *per se* outside of the symbolic lodge,—furthermore I have never said that the Chapter is not ‘regularly, and duly constituted.’

"After this statement, which was valuable, in that it cleared the way for the discussion of the main question, Comp. Ginther proceeded to lay before the Committee the reasons why he offered the resolution, and why he thought it should pass.—he pointed out many passages in the report of the Committee on Correspondence, which, both by implication and in terms, seem to deny that there is any Freemasonry in the chapter.

"This opened up the whole question and subsequent discussion included both resolutions.

"After careful consideration and comparing of authorities the Committee submits the following as its conclusion in the premises.

"The degree of R. A. M. has no existence in Masonic history prior to the ‘revival’ of A. D. 1717. If conferred at all prior to this, it probably was received as the conclusion of the Master’s degree. Shortly after this date, however, we find historic mention of it—about the middle of the last century it appears to have been authorized by the Grand Lodge of England and in 1813 duly recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England.

"Since this last date all Grand Lodges have acquiesced in the relationship and some have specifically endorsed it in terms. On the other hand, no Grand Lodge has ever taken offense at, or endeavored to cut off the relationship, or imposed any restrictions relative thereto.

"Surely the weight of all the history we have, is almost entirely in favor of maintaining the present friendly connection.

"The Committee wishes to add a few words relatives to the propriety of the present position occupied by this Grand Chapter.

"Freemasonry is defined by some of our best scholars as 'a progressive moral science,' illustrating moral truths by familiar symbols.—Your committee believes that to this 'progressive' idea we owe much of our success, and power.

"The foundation of all lies in the first three degrees, just as the foundation of mathematics lies in its definitions and the four fundamental rules yet no one will claim that the science of mathematics is concluded by these first rules, while all allow that no operation can be performed without their use. So with the chapter and symbolic lodge. In all the years no occasion of offence has arisen. The lodge has not felt that it was wronged and the chapter has not abused its privileges. Your committee believes that both have benefited thereby.

"The general 'consensus' of the craft agrees with this. It would be difficult to find a R. A. M. upon whom the chapter degrees were duly conferred, who does not at once confess and believe that there is an 'intimate connection' between ancient craft Masonry and the H. R. A, and the Master Masons of the whole country universally believe this. If there be an exception it is not among our younger men—who appear generally to be contented—but only among those, fond of technicalities and speculations, which, in the opinion of your committee would result in damage to our whole Masonic fabric.

"This leads to the consideration of what evils would naturally follow if the resolutions presented by Comp. Cregier should be adopted and enforced. All branches of the order would lose the benefit of the idea of 'progression' mentioned before.

"There would be no further search for more light, none could be given. The tale would be told, at the start. Each branch of our order must stand alone and so further lose the force of association that to most of us is very dear.

"Time, in all probability, would lessen and finally dissolve even the semblance of connection.

"Our system of work must be re-organized—all traces of kindly reference to Ancient Craft Masonry must be effaced. This, to be sure, would not impair the work of the symbolic lodge, but it would sorely lessen the force and beauty of our beautiful ritual.

"Furthermore,—this matter of 'work,' and 'uniformity of work,' is conceded (very generally) to be under the control of the Gen. Gr. Chap-

ter U. S. A., and to their outline of plan, our very complete ritual now conforms,—any radical change would conflict with this almost universal custom and put all R. A. Masons in our State ‘without the pale,’ as regards other Gr. Chapters.

“In short, the committee sees no good reason why the above resolutions, offered by Comp. D. C. Cregier, should be adopted, and therefore respectfully reports back the same, with the recommendation ‘that they *do not pass.*’

“We respectfully report back the resolution offered by E. Comp. Ginther, with a substitute therefor, and recommend that the substitute *do pass*,—to wit:

“*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, there exists an intimate connection between Ancient Craft Masonry and the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch; that we do not endorse any expression, or implication, or influence, by any member, or officer, of this Grand body, that seems to deny the Masonic character of our order, that we will by all honorable means, strive to maintain and perpetuate, the present intimate, friendly and mutually profitable relations that have always existed and now exist between the M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of the State of Illinois and this Grand R. A. Chapter.”

The following recommendation of the Committee on Accounts was adopted:

“We would further recommend that the recommendations of the Grand High Priest with reference to a history of this Grand Body be concurred in, and that the Committee on Printing be instructed to prepare and circulate the necessary blanks, printed matter, etc., for procuring the history of the Subordinate Bodies, and biographical sketches of the past and present Grand Officers, and other matters of interest proper for such history.”

A Charter was granted to the Chapter at Albion.

A report was received from the Committee previously appointed to prepare a new Constitution and By-Laws and laid over until next year. It is printed in full with the proceedings.

The report on Correspondence (96 pp.) was submitted by Companion Theodore T. Gurney although six Grand Chapters were reviewed by Companion John M. Pearson. We regret exceedingly that Companion Gurney retires from the Correspondent's desk in the Grand Chapter, but still more regret that

it is the result not of unwillingness to serve the Craft but of physical disability. Whilst it has never been absolutely necessary for any of us to agree with him in all things, we have all found him a genial, loving and companionable man, of large brain and big heart. The tone of his writings is always elevated, the diction chaste and the substance thoughtful and well considered. We are pleased to know that his physicians promise him complete restoration to health, and that he will continue to write the correspondence for his Grand Lodge. We hope that he will remember our address.

We cannot take the time to review this report. We are now near the expiration of the grace which our Grand Secretary gave us beyond the time at which our report should have been presented, and as Illinois was one of the last to reach us we are compelled to pass over it lightly.

Pennsylvania was left by Companion Gurney as a legacy to Companion Pearson who gives us a trifle less than a page, while complaining that our honored predecessor done up Illinois in "about two inches." We certainly have done better than either and we hope that Companion Pearson, who succeeds to the desk, will emulate our example. We intend to quote nearly one half of what is said about us, as follows:

"One is pleased, amused and disappointed, in reading the yearly proceedings of the Royal Craft in this great State; pleased to know that its financial condition is so good—\$20,000 at interest and plenty of money to pay all bills; pleased to know that the sovereign body, governing more than 10,000 companions, can hold its annual convocation, transact all its business, confer the order of High Priesthood, install its officers, listen to addresses, and 'close in peace' in two hours and ten minutes; so says the record.

"It is fair to say that much of the business, including the election of Grand Officers, is transacted at 'quarterly' meetings. We fear that its methods savor too strongly of a close corporation to suit the companions in Illinois, but we do not mean to criticise; if they are suited, we are. Still we are disappointed, because they tell us so little, when there must be more that we would like to know. Nothing in the report indicates that any mileage and *per diem* are paid, and we infer that this is the reason why only nineteen Chapters out of two hundred are represented."

We have several reasons for quoting the above, *e. g.*, to show the kindly spirit of the reviewer towards us, but more particularly to ascertain whether any one can succeed better than ourself in finding out what *amused* him in reading our proceedings. We found what *pleased* him and we found what *disappointed* him. And we found, sand wiched between them, a fear, which may be the same as amusement in Illinois. The fear certainly amuses us. It is amusing to see an orderly and systematic transaction of business mentioned as an indication of a close corporation.

A very great deal more business is transacted at our five communications than in the two days convocation in Illinois. Nearly every thing is referred in advance to appropriate Committees whose reports are carefully considered and ready to be presented; and are uniformly acceptable to the Companions. Long-winded speech making is unknown with us. There is no ambition in that direction. There is no law against it, and we may be as verbose and uninteresting as the Companions of any other jurisdiction, if we wanted to.

John O'Neill, Chicago, Grand High Priest; Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago, Grand Secretary; John M. Pearson, Godfrey, Committee on Masonic Correspondence.

INDIANA, 1885.

The fortieth Annual Convocation was held at Indianapolis, October 21st and 22d, and was opened in ample and solemn form by M. E. Companion Benjamin F. Dawson, Grand High Priest. All of the Grand Officers were in their stations, and there were present thirteen Grand High Priests and the Representatives of seventy-four out of the eighty-one warranted Chapters in the jurisdiction.

The Annual Report of the Most Excellent was a report simon-pure. It had neither exordium nor peroration. It began:—"Companions of the Grand Chapter; I herewith present you with a report of my official acts: One charter was granted at the last Convocation of the Grand Body." And so on to the end; no moralizing; no preaching; simply business.

A dispensation was granted for a Chapter at Orland, in Steuben County, to be known as Orland, and one refused to confer the Mark and Past Master degrees in an adjoining town, seven miles from the Chapter. Two decisions were reported and approved by the Grand Chapter. One of them we must mention:

"A companion was expelled from his Lodge for gross un-masonic conduct; afterwards, charges were preferred in his Chapter. *Question*: Can he be tried in his Chapter while suffering under said expulsion? I decided he could not."

The reasons were not given, and we are at a loss to understand why the "gross un-masonic conduct" of which the companion was guilty was not as much an offence against the Chapter as against the Lodge. In this State, expulsion by the Lodge *ipso facto* works expulsion in the Chapter, and restoration by the Lodge restoration in the Chapter; but if a Chapter desires to discipline an unworthy companion and not run the chance of having him forced back upon it by the subsequent action of the Lodge, we are decidedly of the opinion that it has ample power to do so.

Two new charters were granted; one to Alexandria, No. 99, at Alexandria, Madison County, and the other to Orland, No. 100, at Orland, Steuben County.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Chapters of Washington and Dakota Territories.

The Most Excellent submitted a complaint from the Grand High Priest of Michigan for a violation of jurisdiction on the part of a chapter in Indiana for exalting a candidate who had been twice rejected by a chapter in Michigan, and after the latter

had refused to waive jurisdiction. The subject was referred to the Committee on Correspondence, who reported that the candidate had been a *bona fide* resident within the jurisdiction of the Indiana chapter for a longer time than that required by the Indiana rules, that there was no violation of the laws of the Grand Chapter of that State, and that the proceedings of the Indiana chapter were regular. The report was approved.

The question of jurisdiction has always been a disputed one, and it is by no means singular that we should entertain views different from those of the Grand Chapter of Indiana. We hope that we shall never see the day when our chapters will receive the rejected material of other jurisdictions. We have for many years closely watched the cases of rejected candidates, and whilst there are some very excellent men who have been permanently rejected and others who became members of the Fraternity on subsequent petitions and ballots, we are satisfied that in a large proportion of cases it would have been better for the Fraternity had the rejection never been removed.

One bad man can work more injury to the Fraternity than ten good men *will* counteract. We say *will*, not *can*, because so many good men content themselves with being Masons, and do absolutely nothing to advance the interests of the Craft; hence it is better that ten good men should be excluded than that one bad man should be admitted. Now if this is the case when the rejection is removed in the chapter to which application is first made, it applies with greater force when another chapter receives the application notwithstanding the rejection.

We are aware that a great clamor has been raised for years against perpetual jurisdiction, and doubt not that it will be continued for many years to come; but as long as the interests of the Fraternity are, in our judgment, superior to the desires of any one individual, we shall object to the system which seems to concede to a man the right to go from lodge to lodge and from Chapter to Chapter until he finds one where his true character is not so well known as it is in others.

The case in hand has one feature that we are sorry to see in it. The Indiana chapter was aware that the applicant had been previously rejected, and the Michigan chapter was requested to waive jurisdiction, which was declined. This request recognized the Michigan jurisdiction, and the Indiana chapter was bound, in courtesy at least, to submit to the result, whatever the law of its jurisdiction might be.

The balance in the Treasurer's hands was \$1,493.10, a decrease during the year of a trifle over \$800, which made it necessary for the Grand Chapter to authorize the sale of some of its investments to pay the expenses of the Convocation. It is, probably, unnecessary to say that Indiana has the *per diem* and mileage system.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, by Comp. Thomas B. Long, reviews the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Chapters. It is an excellent report, containing within its one hundred and fifty-eight pages much that is interesting and many things worthy of thoughtful consideration. It is, however, taken up by us when our time is exceedingly short and we are compelled to hasten to the conclusion of our work.

Pennsylvania for 1884 is included in the review, and a somewhat sharp criticism administered for not acting sooner upon the Quebec trouble. Whilst we think it is somewhat uncalled for we cannot help considering that it is also very much out of place. Comp. Long inquires:

"Is it possible that the companions of Pennsylvania ignore the doctrine of independent sovereignty, and silently believe the Grand Mark Lodge of England had a right to pursue the course she has towards Quebec?"

The doctrine of "*independent* sovereignty" is altogether new to us, and so is that of "*dependent* sovereignty" or any other sovereignty that is qualified, and we ought not to be held responsible for ignoring anything that we do not know to exist. Probably the Companion means Masonic sovereignty, that which is inherent in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and gives them

exclusive jurisdiction throughout their territorial limits. If he does, our only answer need be to refer him to the history of Pennsylvania Masonry, which shows that Pennsylvania has done as much, nay, more than any other jurisdiction on earth to establish and maintain that doctrine.

In the profane world, when two friends get into a contention, it is unseemly for us to rush in between them, espouse the cause of one and denounce the other in hot and angry words. We venture to say that, in such a case, no man of proper feeling would at once say to either, "Yield your side of the controversy or I will never speak to you again—I will sever all friendly relations with you." While the contestants are negotiating between themselves, he will allow a reasonable time to elapse before volunteering action on his own part.

How much more should the same course be pursued when controversies arise between members of this great Fraternity! How much more should the law of kindness and affection prevail here! How much more should we avoid the danger of widening the breach between companions by hasty and angry interference! As Masons we are just as competent to arrange our quarrels as we are as profanes. Pennsylvania felt that the companions of the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the brethren of the Grand Mark Lodge of England were fully as able to settle this question between themselves as they are to settle any question that might arise between them in the profane world, and preferred to give them time in which to make the effort, and whilst we were silent they were engaged in an earnest and fraternal endeavor to arrange their differences in their own way.

In saying this we do not wish to be understood as finding fault with those Grand Chapters that acted more promptly than we did, and we would not have said as much as we have had it not been that an attempt has been made to use our temporary and fraternal silence to our discredit. In this matter we have acted from the best and purest motives, being earnestly desirous that the parties to this unpleasant difficulty should have ample opportunity to settle it in their own way before we interfered in any manner whatever.

When we were assigned to our present position we took up this unfortunate subject and gave to it our anxious and careful consideration, and after we had fully investigated the facts and the several claims of the parties and consulted some of our most distinguished companions in the Grand Chapter, we concluded at our September Communication that the time had come for such action as in our judgment was proper. We accordingly prepared the report which Companion Long gives at length at the conclusion of his review of Pennsylvania, and the Grand Chapter unanimously approved it. On the subject of exclusive jurisdiction it gives no uncertain sound and it ought to please the most critical. It does not follow the example of other Grand Chapters and sever fraternal relations with the Grand Mark Lodge, because we continue to hope that by continuing those relations the friendly mediation which our Grand High Priest has been requested to offer will finally result in a satisfactory solution of the trouble. That is the course which we believe to be prompted by the genius of our institution, and while we recognize the right of other Grand Chapters to select their own method of dealing with the subject, we ask that we be allowed to pursue ours without adverse criticism.

Mortimer Nye, La Porte, Grand High Priest; John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary (re-elected); Thomas B. Long, Terre Haute, again Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

IOWA, 1884.

The thirty-first Annual Convocation, convened at Fort Dodge, October 7th, Companion Clark Varnum, M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from seventy-four of the one hundred and three subordinate Chapters of the jurisdiction present.

The Annual address is a scholarly, well-written and highly satisfactory paper. We quote from the opening the following:

"During the year universal peace has prevailed among all civilised nations, and rarely have instances of 'man's inhumanity to man' been known within this beautiful state of ours.

"Bountifully has 'our mother earth' yielded forth of her abundance, until the 'horn of plenty' seems overflowing with her gifts.

"Recognizing in all this the kindly favor of 'Our Father who art in Heaven,' let us devoutly thank Him who is the giver of every goodly gift--'For He is good; for his mercy endureth forever.'"

He announces the completion of the monument to Companion Wm. B. Langridge, late Grand Secretary, erected by the Grand Chapter. During the year he communicated to the several Grand Chapters the resolution of 1883 that the terms of office of all Grand Representatives near sister Grand Chapters would terminate with that Convocation and requested suggestions as to the appointment of successors. Replies were received from twenty-eight Grand Chapters, and the Companions named by them appointed to fill the vacancies. Pennsylvania does not appear in the list.

Six new Chapters were constituted, and one application for a dispensation for another refused, although it was recommended by the nearest Chapter. Certainly the refusal was justified by the following facts:

"The companions at Rockford had either to drive twelve to fifteen miles to attend Chapter, or lose considerable time by changing cars at Nora Springs. But, too, I found that Floyd county, in 1880, contained but fourteen thousand six hundred and seventy-seven population; that Almond Chapter, No. 53, was reasonably centrally located, at Charles City, the principal town in the county; that Almond Chapter, No. 53, had, for all the years included in the annual reports of 1875 to 1883, both inclusive, exalted but six Masons, and during the last five of those years, had not exalted one single team; that at the time of making the last annual report, the membership of Almond Chapter, No. 53 had decreased to twenty-four."

In the proceedings we find that the following report from the Committee on Chapters Under Dispensation was adopted:

"COMPANIONS: Your Committee on Chapters under Dispensation, to whom was referred the matter of a petition for a new Chapter at Rock-

ford, Floyd county, would respectfully report that they have fully examined into the circumstances connected with the Rockford petitioners, and are of the opinion that it would be for the benefit of the Royal Craft that a Chapter should be located at that town, and would recommend that the Grand High Priest grant the prayer of the petition."

We are not informed what additional facts were discovered to lead to the belief that the Royal Craft would be benefitted by the new Chapter, and we presume that we must accept the result on pure faith. The facts reported by the Most Excellent are to our mind conclusive that the prayer of the petition ought not to have been granted. It is safer to have one less than one too many.

We also learn from the address that cases sometimes arise in Iowa when it is necessary to grant dispensations for running the lightning express. It is some comfort to know that applications for such dispensations are almost universally refused, but it would certainly be better if they were never tolerated.

Thirty-two Chapters were furnished with copies of the ritual of the Cryptic degrees, and the Most Excellent says:

"In concluding this subject, allow me to add my testimony to that of the many distinguished companions in this jurisdiction who have spoken thereon, and say that there can no longer be any doubt but that the plan of consolidation of Capitular and Cryptic degrees adopted by you in 1878 was a wise measure, and has, to a greater extent than could possibly have been done in any other way, extended to the craft in this jurisdiction the beautiful lessons and teachings of the Cryptic degrees.

"By that consolidation the number of title factories has been diminished, while the moral lessons of the Royal and Select Master's degrees have been inculcated into the minds of a greater number of those entitled to them than could ever have been hoped had the change not been made."

We have our own opinion of the subject, but it is not necessary to express it, inasmuch as "there can no longer be any doubt" that the consolidation of Capitular and Cryptic Masonry "was a wise measure." We will, however, venture the remark that the fact that such consolidation brings the lessons of the

Cryptic degrees to the knowledge of many more than could possibly have been done in any other way, is no justification for the anomalous proceeding. The same thing could be said of the Order of the Temple and the Scottish Rite degrees; but it would afford no reason for engrafting them upon the Royal Arch.

Among the decisions is the following:

“A Master Mason having but one leg is ineligible to receive the Chapter degrees.”

The Committee to whom the address was referred, and of which our distinguished and learned Companion T. S. Parvin, was Chairman, presented an elaborate report dissenting from the views of the Most Excellent. He argued that there are no landmarks in Capitular Masonry; that the qualification for the Chapter degrees is prescribed by the constitution of the Grand Chapter; and that the landmark in Craft Masonry applies only to Entered Apprentice and not to Fellow Craft or Master Mason.

The subject was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who divided, the majority sustaining the decision of the Most Excellent. A thorough discussion ensued, during which it seems that it was discovered that the decision was based upon section 14, article II. of the constitution of the Grand Chapter, which reads :

“And no candidate can be ballotted for whose physical defects are such as would prevent him from *literally* conforming to all the requirements of the degrees,” etc.

This settled the controversy; the minority report was withdrawn and the majority report adopted.

It was then proposed to amend the constitution by striking out the word “literally,” and on a vote by Chapters the proposition was barely defeated, the vote standing 36 in the affirmative and 19 in the negative.

The Most Excellent reports that he had made but few visits to the subordinate Chapters, and assigned as a reason that he is dependent upon his profession for his own livelihood and the support of his family, and that "it is not meant that Masonry should interfere with your necessary vocations, for these are on no account to be neglected." Then follows some observations showing how in thirty years the jurisdiction has grown from less than one hundred members to over six thousand; that during that time there has been no supervision of the Chapters; that there is not the uniformity in the work there should be, neither is there as large a proportion of the members qualified to do the work as there ought to be. Some Chapters are weak and their members losing interest in them; in others the work is not above mediocrity; and in still others the Capitular degrees are merely a stepping-stone to the Chivalric Orders. Certainly this is not a healthy condition of affairs, and we are surprised at it; but we are much more surprised that a Grand High Priest who knows it so well can so complacently report that he has made but few visits.

The necessity for visitation, inspection and supervision is then urged, and the fact pointed out that the Constitution of the Grand Chapter makes it the duty of the four principal officers to make such visitations; but the performance of the duty is attempted to be avoided upon the plea that they would have in that event but little time they could call their own and upon the fact that no appropriation has ever been made for the necessary expenses of visiting and exemplifying the work; and the unctious remark follows that, "evidently it has been intended that this law should be more honored in the breach than in the observance."

We have given the substance of the Most Excellent's observations on this subject not for the purpose of comment or criticism, but that the Companions of this jurisdiction may have an opportunity of comparing the systems of other Grand Chapters with our own. Here, where the Grand High Priest as the sole authority in matters of ritual, and in person and by his Grand

Officers and Deputies constantly visits and inspects the work of the subordinate Chapters, all this sounds exceedingly strange. Our Grand High Priests are generally men in active business, but they accept office with a knowledge of its responsibilities and duties and make such personal sacrifices as are necessary to support the one and perform the other.

The Most Excellent concluded by saying that he believed that "the system adopted in fully one-half our sister jurisdictions, viz : that of a Grand Lecturer and Visitor is the best system yet devised, and the one which will prove the most efficient and successful." We are to infer from this that one person with the title of Grand Lecturer and Visitor will be able to perform more easily and efficiently the duties which would occupy the time of the four principal officers. That is very rough on the four principal officers.

This subject was considered by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and on their recommendation the Grand Council was authorized to appoint and fix the salary of "a representative of said Grand Chapter, whose duty it shall be under such rules and regulations as the Grand Council shall prescribe, to visit, at least once during his term of office, and inspect and instruct the constituted Chapters of this jurisdiction. The term of office of said representative shall be two years."

The following resolution was adopted after an attempt to except the Grand High Priest:

"Resolved, That the Companions assembled at this session of this Grand Chapter are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to re-elect any companion to the same office, except the office of Grand Secretary."

We doubt the propriety of such action, for it binds nobody. It will not prevent the companions re-electing the entire line next year if they so desire. It is merely the expression of opinion and leads one to read between the lines to ascertain if it was not meant for some particular companion. We hope it was not, but we are unable to see what else it was intended for,

An exceptionally good report on Correspondence was submitted by Companion Horace S. Winslow, reviewing in an able and fraternal manner thirty-five Grand Bodies including Pennsylvania for 1883. It contains many excellent things which we would like to transfer to our report, but we have already given so much space to Iowa that we must content ourselves with two extracts.

The first is under California :

“This evil—for evil it is—is a growing one, and must be checked. That there are proper occasions for a public appearance of the bodies of Masonry, no one, we think, will dispute; but these occasions are being multiplied almost indefinitely, so that now a public parade is as common a thing, almost, as that of military companies. There is much reason to fear that the “fuss and feathers” brigade is rapidly gaining the ascendancy, and bringing, as it surely will, our organization into disrepute, if, indeed, this has not already become an accomplished fact. Let the “air-brakes” be applied, until we have at least sufficient time to take in the situation and adopt a reform, if needed.”

We thank you, Companions, for those words, and we wish that every Freemason would say Amen to them. The parades of the “fuss and feathers” brigade are bad enough, but the increasing tendency towards display in the Lodge and Chapter, in the way of public installations and such like, are infinitely worse. Modern innovations are an abomination, and the sooner they are sternly and resolutely rebuked the better it will be for the future peace and prosperity of the Craft.

And this is the conclusion :

“The time is at hand when this manuscript must go to the printer, though we are without the reports of several Grand Bodies. We wish this were otherwise, as we had hoped this year to notice each jurisdiction in this country, as this must be our last effort in this direction. In saying this there is a feeling of regret, as there will ever be when the time is reached when the “good-byes” are to be said. Business engagements, however, each year demand a greater share of our time, and these cannot be set aside or neglected. For the uniform courtesy and the kindly notices we have received from one and all, we extend our hearty thanks.”

"In our masonic experience—somewhat varied, and running through quite a number of years—no more pleasant recollections will abide with us than those of Reporter of our Grand Chapter. May those engaged in this part of the masonic field live long, to reflect additional lustre upon their several Grand Jurisdictions by their yearly contributions to this department of literature.

"Capitular Masonry, as are the other branches of our Order, is advancing. In a few of the states it seems to have been seized with a sort of "dry rot," and languishes, but it will revive again and renew its age. Its principles of charity and fraternity cannot die, and will not.

"What is wanted of us, and those who may succeed us, is that we may prove true to our covenant obligations with each other, and exemplify in our daily walk in life to the world the beauty and symmetry of the tenets of our time honored institution."

We sincerely regret the retirement of Companion Winslow and wish him unmeasured prosperity and happiness, and at the same time tender our fraternal salutation to his worthy successor.

Clark Varnum, Newton, re-elected Grand High Priest; John C. Parish, Des Moines, re-elected Grand Secretary and appointed Chairman of Correspondence Committee.

KANSAS, 1885.

The Twentieth Annual Convocation convened at Emporia, February 17th, and was opened by M. E. George S. Green, Grand High Priest. Thirty-nine of the fifty-eight Chapters on the rolls were represented.

The annual address is a well-written paper and reports tersely and satisfactorily the official acts of the Most Excellent. We extract the following gratifying passage:

"The progress Royal Arch Masonry has made in this jurisdiction has been the wonder of sister Grand Chapters. The boundless waste of a generation ago has become the homes of more than a million of people. Our growth as a fraternity has kept pace with the State, notwithstanding

the fact that but two decades ago we had our birth, we are now pointed to as of "full age" and "well established." While the year past has not been one of marked progress for us we have done reasonably good work; and yet there is room for improvement, and a suggestion here may not be out of place."

Then follows in immediate succession a passage that is not so gratifying. Our Companions in Kansas must be a hilarious set of fellows if they can extract fun out of the grave and solemn ceremonies of the Capitular degrees. The passage is as follows:

"I fear that in many of the chapters the work is not done as it should be; in conferring the degrees there is a disposition to regard the time as an opportunity for *fun*, rather than for the inculcation of the true spirit of Royal Arch Masonry."

Three Chapters to which charters were granted at the last annual convocation were constituted during the year, and one dispensation for a new Chapter at Washington, Washington County, issued.

Quite a number of dispensations for various purposes, proper and, to say the least, questionable, were granted. But few official visits were made.

The financial standing of an institution is a fair index to its prosperity, and as the Grand Treasurer's report shows that the balance of \$3,168.69 with which the year commenced had increased to \$3,587.36, it can be accepted as a corroboration of what the Most Excellent reported.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances made a report similar to that which we have encountered in nearly every other jurisdiction—that nothing had been presented for their consideration. This committee, we are glad to say, is becoming more and more useless (we use this expression in preference to "less and less useful") and as it seems that it has nothing to do, we move that it be abolished.

The Committee on Chapters U. D. made a report in regard to the Chapter at Washington recommending that a charter be issued. We quote from the report:

“The transcript is good, and with the exception of conferring degrees out of time, their work was regular.”

That work was done under the dispensation of the Grand High Priest, which we thought made it regular in the dispensing jurisdictions.

It is possible sometimes to get too much of a good thing, as witness the following standing regulation :

“*Resolved*, That the practice of some chapters of conferring the Past Master’s degree upon an Actual Master elect of a subordinate lodge, in this Grand Jurisdiction, is irregular and not in accordance with the law and usages of Royal Arch masonry, and such practice is hereby strictly forbidden, and any chapter violating this standing regulation shall be subjected to discipline the same as for any other masonic offense.”

Such a thing is not possible in Pennsylvania, and if Kansas would remit the Past Master’s degree to the Lodge where it belongs it would not be possible. It always seemed singular to us that one body of Masons should confer the ceremony of passing the chair in another.

Companion John H. Brown, whom we have so pleasantly met in other fields of Masonic labor, presented a very enjoyable report on Correspondence, reviewing in one hundred pages we don’t know how many Grand Chapters. Pennsylvania is fraternally noticed and our action in the Dr. Williams case commended.

We cannot tarry over the report as we would wish, and will only make one quotation because it contains opinions which we have often expressed, and probably in this report :

“For years we have noticed that few masonic bodies fail or become apathetic, where good ritualistic work is done. And, if we desire to have live, efficient chapters, means must be employed to qualify those charged to confer the degrees and otherwise instruct companions. Whatever system is adopted, should be steadily continued, so that, on the election of new officers, they may be promptly equipped for the complete discharge of their duties.

“Again, in our opinion, no candidate should be advanced until he proves himself master of the preceding degree or degrees. By exacting

this much of every one, chapters would soon have companions competent to do any part of the work required, and would find no obstacle in the way of prosperity."

James DeWitt, Salina, Grand High Priest; John H. Brown, Wyandotte, Grand Secretary and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

KENTUCKY, 1884.

Companion R. H. Farleigh, M. E., Grand High Priest, opened the Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation at Louisville, on the 21st day of October.

The annual address has a somewhat extraordinary opening which we quote without comment:

"DEAR COMPANIONS:—It is no strain on my nerves, nor veracity to say that I am pleased to meet you in Annual Convocation. I want you to do full duty in the capacity that brings you here. The Grand Chapter pays you eight cents per mile to enable you to get here, and three dollars per diem to enable you to live respectably while here. You are therefore expected to serve the cause in which you come to the fullest extent of your ability. Between the time required of you as committeemen and your duties as members, I want to see you engage in all the rational enjoyments offered by our metropolis. The opportunity is before you. Varied attractions are offered by the City. Duty offers others through the work laid out by the Grand Chapter. Attend to the latter as of paramount importance and enjoy the former as opportunity may offer. You are all here, and are apparently in good health. How you came here will not concern me, unless you were subjected to hardships in transit. It occurs to the thinking mind that railroads and steam boats contributed largely to your transportation and I have no doubt that is true. All precedents however attribute your ability to be present to divine aid, and that is assigned as the 'vis a tergo.' It makes no difference to me how you came so that I see you in good health and vigor. Green fields, abundance of harvest, absence of pestilence and storms, are all good in their way and we should be thankful. But these things are so stereotyped in annual addresses that repetition would be surfeit. It is enough to know that we have again met in Grand Convocation, and that the Grand High Priest has now to give you an account of his stewardship for the past year, and to ask your assistance in the labors of this session."

We are sorry to learn that Royal Arch Masonry in Kentucky is falling into decay, but far sorrier that the Most Excellent is mistaken in the cause which he holds responsible. We will let him speak for himself:

“It has been a subject of profound and melancholy consideration to me in surveying the condition of the Chapters of our jurisdiction to observe the decadence of many and the stagnation of most of them. When I compare the active, brilliant and prosperous career of Royal Arch Masonry a few years since with our silent halls, rusty implements and scanty catalogues of to-day, I am deeply concerned. What is to be the future of Free Masonry here when the cryptic degrees are practically dead and the capitular degrees are made but a stepping stone, apparently to the military orders of the temple, whose brass bands, feathers and bright buttons are filling every eye and ear. If such has become the only use of the august degree of Royal Arch, if that greatest combination of emblems, covenants and ceremonials is degraded to the condition of a stepping stone let it be understood that some attention is due to those who are in favor of abandoning ‘the intermediate degrees’ and throw them away altogether. But that day will never come. The note of warning only is needed. I am not an alarmist. I can always see that hope remains in the casket. Nurture it. I do not despair of Royal Arch Masonry but I confess that our Companions in running after the tinsel shows, display drills, and flummery of modern Masonry are striking deadly blows at the Chapter system. The talk is of ‘higher degrees’ as if there could be anything higher in Masonry than this. The practice in many places is to apply for the capitular degrees and then dimit as soon as taken. The novitiate at this time does not know the symbolism of the vails through which he has passed. The practice of using the Chapter for this purpose cannot be too severely deprecated. Such motive, if known beforehand, would justify refusal. Many pass the vails only as a matter of eligibility to mount higher as they think. A K. T. bedecked with full paraphernalia would look ridiculous with trowel in hand spreading mortar. He would spoil his rigging. I do not want the purity of the lamb skin lost sight of nor the fact that it alone is the true badge of a mason. Let those mount who want to mount, and I recommend that they do so, but they should never cease to acknowledge and maintain their basal membership and original love. The sparsely attended lodges and chapters in the City of Louisville when compared with the largely attended Commanderies attest the truth of my position. When a lodge quietly and lovingly puts away a long-tried and revered brother, plants the sprig, rehearses the invocations in an unostentatious way and departs in sorrow to the lodge room, the simple ceremonies are eclipsed the next week in the minds of the public, by the feathers, swords, gauntlets and baldricks of the *higher folks* escorting with pomp and brass

bands some fledgling who had recently passed the intermediates without appreciation, aspiring only to the glitter. Many Knights Templar will frown at these assertions and anathematize the deliverance, but I kindly beg that it be recollected that I am one of them myself."

We have elsewhere said something on this subject and do not want to repeat ourself; but we are very anxious that our Companions investigate a little more before they condemn so much. It is very evident that those who make the Chapter simply a stepping stone to qualify themselves for admission to the Commandery would never enter the Chapter if it were not that they hope to gain admission to the Commandery; so that so far as the interests of the Chapter are concerned, their non-attendance is no more than if they had never become members. The sparsely attended Lodge and Chapter and the largely attended Commanderies do not prove the assertion that the "tinsel shows, military drill and flummery" attract large meetings to the latter. The flummery and what not which rise like spectres in the mind of the Most Excellent may secure a large attendance on parade, but they do not account for the large attendance at the meetings of the Commanderies. Such meetings must be interesting or they would not draw a large attendance. Make the meetings of the Lodge and Chapter equally as or more interesting than those of the Commandery and they will draw equally as well.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a special report on the Quebec troubles, in which they reaffirm the doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction, and request the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales to withdraw its subordinates from the Province of Quebec and to abandon its claims to establish Lodges in that jurisdiction.

Companion Hiram Bassett contributes a delightful report on foreign correspondence in which in one hundred and fourteen pages he reviews the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Bodies, including Pennsylvania for 1883. We give a few extracts.

This under Alabama:

"Exactly. It is like too many reports your reviewer has heard from committees of investigation, 'we find nothing *against* the petitioner,' and

so on. 'What do we find *for* him?' is the question. Such reports having been accepted as satisfactory, accounts for the presence of so large a percentage of *negative* characters in our Masonic bodies. Unless an applicant have some *positive* traits, fitting him to appreciate and discharge the duties imposed by Masonry, he, and his money, had better remain outside her portals."

And under Maryland, this:

"The chairman of your committee is *one* who believes that Grand Masters are *now* 'solely the creatures of the Grand Lodge,' and have no power to do what the Grand Lodge itself cannot do. Prior to the formation of Grand Lodges they were the creatures of the fraternity at large, in its organized capacity, and no written laws were given as a guide, or chart to govern them. But now we have written constitutions which define the duties and powers of Grand Masters; and all powers not therein delegated reside in the fraternity; these constitutions Grand Masters, as well as the humblest officers and members, take a solemn obligation to 'maintain and support;' and if a Grand Master should, in violation of his oath of office, presume to 'over-ride the whole constitution' he would be arraigned before the bar of Masonic public opinion, and, metaphorically speaking, would surely

'go down
To the vile dust from which he sprung.
Unwept, unhonored, and unsung.'"

This may describe the Grand Master in Kentucky, but it does not apply to the Grand Master in Pennsylvania, except as to the concluding sentence, and we trust it never will. From the time of Bro. Daniel Coxe to the present, the office of Grand Master of Masons has been esteemed one of the highest dignity, embracing very extensive powers and prerogatives, the responsibility for which has always been appreciated in such a manner as to secure their wise, fraternal and acceptable administration. When we are prepared to see the Grand Lodge, in the matter of respectability, reduced to the level of a debating society, and the Grand Master to that of its presiding officer, we shall probably be better prepared to accept the views contained in the above quotation.

Pennsylvania is very kindly noticed.

Charles E. Dunn, Louisville, Grand High Priest; Joseph H. Branham, Louisville, Grand Secretary; Hiram Bassett, Millersburg, Chairman Correspondence Committee.

LOUISIANA, 1885.

The Thirty-Eighth Annual Convocation was held at New Orleans, February 10th and 11th, and was opened in ample and solemn form by Companion Alfred Shaw, M. E. Grand High Priest.

In the midst of the depression of trade it must have been a satisfaction to the Most Excellent to be able to say, as he did, in the opening of his address :

“COMPANIONS—I welcome you to our Thirty-Eighth Grand Convocation. The last year has been one of moderate activity. We cannot say that our Chapters are in a high degree of prosperity or progress. But our work has been harmonious and instructive ; there has been nothing like stagnation, and we have been at peace among ourselves. These are great blessings and benefits and the absence of discord, pestilence and distress of any kind, leaves us much to be thankful for to a beneficent Providence.”

The address otherwise treats of local matters, which we need not mention, further than to notice the fact that it announces a movement to consolidate Orleans No. 1, and Delta No. 15, both of New Orleans, “two strong and time-honored Chapters.” This is certainly something new ; it interests us. Three Chapters do not appear to be too many for a city as large as New Orleans. This proposition differs so widely from what we see in every other jurisdiction that it seems as though there must be some reason for it other than the good of the Fraternity. We find by the statistical table that No. 1 has 126 members and No. 15, 89, either of them large enough to build upon. But we learn from the same table that No. 1 has 84 life members, leaving but 42 *living* members, and No. 15 has 54 life members, leaving but 35 *living* members, and we think that we have found the secret of the consolidation, for, combined, the paying members of the two Chapters only number 77.

We do not propose to criticise anything belonging to this subject, for the reasons, first, that we are not advised as to the financial condition of these Chapters, and, second, it would be impertinent to do so. Our only motive in mentioning it is, we believe that it illustrates the danger there is in a somewhat indiscriminate system of life membership. We are personally opposed to life membership in any and every form, and for this opinion we do not desire our Grand Chapter to be held responsible either directly or indirectly. We are old-fashioned enough to believe that annual dues are a tie that binds the member closer to his Chapter, and makes him prize its privileges much more. As they mature each year he is reminded of his duty, and his love for the Craft can in a degree be measured by his promptness in paying. We are also of the opinion that Chapters have a right to control their own financial affairs, and for this opinion we are also alone responsible; but we confess that when we come across a case of *felo de se*, where life members have been made for small fees, the money spent, and the Chapter dead, or miserably dying, we entertain a great deal of respect for those who honestly contend that the means of self-murder should be put out of reach.

We have been compelled to accept the system of life membership as a practical fact, and hence do not now insist upon our individual opinion. All that we can do is to use our influence to have it made practical. When life membership is based on the payment of a sum of money, that sum, with its income, for a reasonable number of years, should be in a fair proportion to the annual dues that would accrue in the same time, and the sum itself should be securely invested as a permanent fund. The latter suggestion is highly important. It is a mistake to make a life member for a small sum, but it is a greater mistake to spend the money after it is collected. Whether the fee be large or small is of but little importance if it is immediately expended.

When we referred to this subject we had no intention of writing so much, and do not now intend to discuss this very large and very important subject at greater length. We have seen no little, and have heard a great deal more, of the evils which have

flowed from unwise systems of life membership that we feel that we would be justified in making this the occasion for drawing the very considerate attention of the Companions of this jurisdiction to the subject.

The Grand Chapter authorized the consolidation of Chapters No. 1 and 15, should they determine to do so.

Companion Joseph P. Horner, M. E. General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter, visited the convocation, was received with appropriate honors and at the request of the Grand High Priest, installed the officers elect. We find that this distinguished Companion was honored with an appointment as a member of the committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence under the name of Jos. Potts *Honor*, and afterwards his name appears, Jos. P. Hornor, as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which we regret to say does not seem to have been intended as so much of an honor.

The proceedings were of but local interest and there was no report on correspondence.

Alfred Shaw, Grand High Priest; James C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary, both of New Orleans and re-elected.

MAINE, 1885.

At Portland, May 5th, M. E. Companion Frank E. Sleeper, Grand High Priest, opened the Sixtieth Annual Convocation, with all the Grand officers, eight Past Grand High Priests, representatives of twenty-three Grand Chapters, and of thirty-nine of the forty-four Subordinate Chapters on the rolls present.

The annual address is devoted almost exclusively to a report of official acts and visitations, there having been eleven of the latter during the year. No decisions are reported as those made

were not of sufficient importance. Pressure of professional business prevented the Most Excellent as Chairman of a Committee appointed the year before to prepare a Chapter Text Book.

He commends as wise the regulation of the Grand Chapter requiring proposed changes in by-laws to be submitted to the Grand High Priest for approval, as among the things he says that in several instances he found by-laws "inconsistent with the Constitution, or destructive to the prosperity of the Chapter." He says, further :

"I will give as an example the case of one Chapter, which several years ago adopted a by-law making honorary members of all those who paid *one dollar a year for five years*, while another by-law exempted honorary members from the payment of all dues and assessments! The natural result has followed. More than two-thirds of the members are now honorary members, while all the expense of maintaining the Chapter rests upon a few, a condition of things which seriously threatens the very existence of the Chapter. At my suggestion the obnoxious by-laws have been repealed, and the lapse of time will bring the natural remedy."

In one case he refused and in two others he granted dispensations to confer the degrees in less than the required time. In the one case the only reason assigned was that the applicant desired to receive the degrees "as soon as possible;" in the others the reasons are not given.

An application signed by thirty-eight Royal Arch Masons was received for a dispensation for a new Chapter at Rockland, accompanied by the approval under seal of King Solomon's Chapter; but as the petition was preceded sixteen days by a remonstrance signed by fifty-six members of King Solomon, the Most Excellent investigated the subject, and after patiently hearing both the petitioners and remonstrants and ascertaining that there are over one thousand Masons in the territory, he concluded that it was his duty to grant the petition, and he accordingly issued a dispensation for Temple Chapter.

In January, 1885, he also received a petition for a new Chapter at Thomaston, and after corresponding with Companions in that locality and being doubtful from the information received of the

ability of the petitioners to maintain a Chapter should it be authorized, and the correspondence being delayed to a time very close to the annual convocation, he declined to act, and submitted the petition to the Grand Chapter.

In Grand Chapter, charters for both Chapters were granted.

The financial condition of the Grand Chapter is excellent, the balance of \$591.80 at the beginning of the year having at the close increased to \$863.63. The Charity Fund amounts to \$4,417, being a slight increase during the year. The dues of all the Subordinate Chapters were fully paid.

The Committee on History of Royal Arch Masonry in Maine, submitted the history of King Hiram Chapter, at Lewiston, and reported that the history of Greenleaf Chapter, Portland, was much advanced during the year, but not quite complete.

The other proceedings were unimportant.

The report on Foreign Correspondence (101 pp.) was submitted by Companion Josiah H. Drummond. The name of the author relieves us from testifying to its excellence. It contains a review of thirty-nine Grand Chapters and the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

In his review of Alabama, in which jurisdiction Capitular Masonry has experienced serious losses, he says:

“We confess that we do not share the confidence of the Grand High Priest, nor agree with him that the depression in business is the cause of the unsatisfactory condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Alabama and several of the neighboring States. Within ten years the membership in Alabama has fallen off over *sixty-five* per cent., according to the returns: and the falling off process has been continuous for nearly the whole time. We have observed the condition and thought much of the cause, and are inclined to think that the rage for societies having a *quasi* insurance feature carries men into those societies and keeps them out of Masonry; if so, it is only a question of time; those societies will largely go out of existence at a comparatively early day.”

It may be true that such societies are the cause of the decadence referred to, but we do not believe it. They may in a small degree affect the prosperity of Lodges and Chapters, but we think we must look somewhere else for the cause, and we fraternally suggest that incompetent and indolent officers do more to produce demoralization than all other causes put together. Chapters located in our large cities are generally prosperous because there is the goad of numerous applications to stimulate officers to learn the work thoroughly, that they may do it effectively. When that is the case the Chapter is an attractive place for the members, the attendance is large, and the interest and enthusiasm of the Companions are sustained.

In Chapters located in small communities the number of applicants is at best but small, and when trade is depressed, and money scarce, it becomes still less. As the intervals between work increase, the ritual itself begins to fade from memory, and in a short time the work passes through the comparative stages of bad, worse, worst. The result soon is that nothing transpires in the Chapter to interest the members, and they fall off in their attendance, and finally the Chapter yields up the ghost. In such emergencies High Priests fail to call upon their resources, think it ridiculous to rehearse the work unless they have candidates and do absolutely none of the many things they might do to make the meetings pleasant and interesting, and to save the Chapter from an inglorious death.

Grand officers must assume their share of the rightful blame for such results. An occasional letter to a High Priest falls very far short of what is necessary. Personal and official visits should be made to give the needed encouragement and instruction. Grand High Priests may say that they cannot afford the time that such visits would require; but Grand High Priests should remember that if they cannot devote the time necessary to take care of the interests of the Institution at whose head they are placed, they ought to resign their offices in favor of those who can and will. In all branches of the Fraternity the same old excuse is made for duty neglected: press of business, or

some like untruthful thing, prevented me from doing as much as I intended to do when I was elected. It is high time that the lesson should be learned that offices in Masonry are not intended for the purpose of conferring honor, but of casting grave and important duties upon those who receive them.

We did not intend to say so much, and we hope that our Companions in Alabama will not think that we have said it of them. We have simply expressed opinions which are the result of our general observations, and we ask that they will be fraternally received wherever they will properly apply.

In some jurisdictions it is very stoutly contended that the powers of Grand Masters and Grand High Priests are limited and defined by the Constitution. Of course no such heresy is entertained in Pennsylvania, but it is interesting to know that when a necessity occurs, some who do entertain it are sometimes willing to step outside of the Constitution. The Grand High Priest of California granted a dispensation to a Past High Priest to open a Chapter in the absence of the first three officers when by the express provision of the Constitution a Chapter can be opened only when one of them is present. Companion Caswell of California is one of those who believe in the doctrine referred to, and in his review of the California Grand Chapter, after quoting Companion Caswell on the subject, Companion Drummond says:

“We note in passing that this action of the Grand High Priest was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, but no report was made, so far as the Proceedings shows, either in 1884 or 1885.

“Returning to Comp. CASWELL, we find that in the first extract he admits that there *are* powers, not expressly granted, which must be ‘at the discretion of the head of a deliberative body, be it masonic or otherwise.’ We infer from this that he sustains the action of his Grand High Priest as an exercise of such power. Of course, this yields his whole theory, and with him the only question is, *what* powers are ‘at the discretion’ of the Grand High Priest. It needs no argument to show that if an officer has powers ‘at his discretion’ in *any* cases, he is not limited to those granted by the Constitution. As it is the *kind* of powers to be exercised, Comp. C. must revise his declaration of principles.

"But his Grand High Priest did not exercise the powers in the case in question as 'the presiding officer of a deliberative assembly,' for the Grand Chapter was not in session; whatever he did, he did as the *executive officer* of the Craft in the recess of the Grand Chapter; the powers which he exercised were those 'at the discretion' of the *Grand High Priest* as an *executive* officer and not as a *presiding* officer.

Our good Companion will excuse us for saying that the last sentence of our first extract is an infortunate expression for him, and must have been hastily written. To say that an officer *has the power* to exercise 'a *sound* discretion' and leave the inference that he has *not* the power to exercise an unsound or unwise discretion is scarcely admissible. The *power* of an officer to do an act can never depend upon whether it is *wise* or *unwise* to do it in a particular case.

"While we are aware that many hold that under the ancient usages of the Craft (which we hold to be law as much as written Constitution), and not prerogative inherent in his office, the Grand Master may make masons at sight, we are not aware that this claim has ever been made for the Grand High Priest. We never have known that the power of a Grand Master to suspend a mason has been claimed, except under the express provision of a *written Constitution*, and, therefore, in strict accordance with Comp. C.'s theory. The whole question comes then upon what he calls the power 'to grant dispensation, to violate the plain provisions of the law.' If by 'law,' he means the Constitution of his Grand Chapter, we accept the situation. That is precisely what his Grand High Priest did, and he frankly avowed it. The Constitution declared that a Chapter could not be opened, unless its High Priest, King or Scribe was present; but the Grand High Priest granted a dispensation to a Past High Priest to open it in the absence of all of them.

"But we do not agree that this was a violation of Masonic law; all Constitutions are made with full knowledge of, and direct reference to, these necessary powers of the Grand High Priest. It is true that many Constitutions recognize this by enumerating among the powers of the Grand Master the power 'to do all other acts that are warranted, or required of him, by the regulations and ancient customs of the Fraternity.'

"But Comp. Caswell is plainly in this dilemma; he must either abandon his theory, or declare that his Grand High Priest did wrong in not obeying the law, whatever the consequences, until it was changed by the Grand Chapter."

This is a very strong argument and clearly shows that Grand Masters and Grand High Priests may lawfully exercise powers not specified in the Constitution, and which must of necessity be inherent in their office.

There has been considerable discussion on the necessity of the presence of the charter and what the charter is. Companion Drummond's views on the subject are so sound and so thoroughly in accordance with our own that we give them.

Under District of Columbia:

"This is all wrong in theory, and so far as we know in practice; a charter is never a copy of the vote granting it, the vote is that a charter be granted, and we do not think the case was ever known in which the vote to grant a charter recites the charter granted, and moreover we do not believe that any Grand Body in this country ever prescribed the form of a charter. If a legislature gives the Governor authority to convey a piece of land, it don't recite the deed; and the land is not conveyed by the act, but only when the deed is made and delivered. The deed once delivered is good, whether lost or not; and that question is not involved; the real question is, whether Masonic law, growing out of immemorial usage, does not require the *actual* presence of the charter: we think it does; and to this, so far as we have seen, no reply has been made. If the law of the State should provide that a grant of land could be proved in Court only by the production of the *original deed*, we think neither Comp. Larner nor Comp. Gurney would hold that as the deed was mere evidence, a *copy* would be just as good, in the face of that law: so in case of the charter, the Masonic law is that it *must be present*, and our views of the wisdom or unwisdom of the law does not change it a tittle."

Under Illinois:

"He seems to admit that the charter must be present to comply with ritualistic requirements, but he insists that the act of the Grand Body, and not the parchment, is *the* charter. That the 'parchment' is what is invariably termed the charter, he will not deny; therefore the ritual calls for the presence of the parchment: this concedes the point in controversy at first. But we do not concede that the act of the Grand Body is the charter in any sense of the term. We have already shown this (we think) in *this* report, but are not sure. The vote of the Grand Body is of no effect whatever, until the *charter*, properly authenticated, is made and formally delivered to those to whom it is granted; until that is done, they are not a Chapter and can do no act as such. The Bible is the evidence of God's law; the *mere book* is nothing in itself; the law exists without the book; therefore, on Comp. Gurney's reasoning, the Bible need not be present. But the masonic law is otherwise; it requires the presence of the Bible and the charter; and the presence of one can be dispensed with as readily as the presence of the other."

Under Iowa we have his definition of landmark:

“We do not assent to his proposition that there are no *ancient* landmarks in Royal Arch Masonry. A landmark is a fundamental principle, as the term is used in relation to Masonry: and an *ancient* landmark is one which has come down to us from a former generation; a principle deemed fundamental from a time whereof the memory of men *now living* runneth not to the contrary is, in our view, an ‘ancient landmark.’ ”

We quote the following because it is something to think about:

“Comp. BASSETT misapprehends our meaning; we meant by ‘making the law universal,’ the application of it *to all debts*. If a mason can be convicted of a masonic offence for refusing to pay a debt to the lodge when he is able to do so, why should he not be punished for refusing to pay any debt, when he is able to do so? Is a lodge debt more sacred than others?”

Companion Mayo, of Missouri, having criticised the action of the Grand High Priest of Maine in granting a dispensation to a chapter to appear in public in connection with the G. A. R., on Memorial day, Companion Drummond replies as follows:

“Softly, Comp. MAYO, for you evidently think you know all about this question, and yet are as evidently not ‘read up’ about it. It *is*, and ever since the organization of Masonry *has been*, ‘masonic work’ to perform many acts relating to *public* affairs. We lay the corner stones of *public* buildings, and do not lay those of *private* buildings, although the *operative masonic* part is precisely the same in both. We appear in our distinctive character to honor the chief magistrate when living, and to mourn for him when dead; and we take part in memorial services upon the death of one who has held that office. If Comp. MAYO has any doubt about this let him look up what was done by the masons when WASHINGTON died. Perhaps he has not seen, as we have, a collection of the eulogies and attendant ceremonies that masons, *as such*, made in reference to him. The same is true, to a less extent however, of some of WASHINGTON’S successors. Now it is not easy to draw the line. ‘Memorial Day’ has *nearly* become a *national* day, without regard to section: it is likely to become *quite* so: if it does the question will then again arise, and if Comp. MAYO will examine the usage of masons in the past, he will by no means find it certain that its observance by masons is not ‘masonic work.’ ”

We are sorry to say that this is all wrong. The reference to WASHINGTON does not sustain the Maine position. WASHINGTON was a Mason, and as far as our knowledge extends all the Masonic honor paid to his memory was because of that fact. The cause in which he distinguished himself was one in which every American citizen glories. It was a contest with a foreign power. Quite different was the struggle in which those participated for whom we celebrate Memorial Day. It was a war between brethren who to-day are fellow-citizens of the same country, and many of both victor and vanquished are members of this great Fraternity. It is wrong for us as Masons to do anything that our brethren in any part of the land cannot unite in, and we certainly cannot ask our Southern brethren to participate in the ceremonies of Memorial Day. We write impartially, because we are also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and as such we unite with our Post each year in scattering flowers upon the graves of our deceased comrades. We know that our Southern brethren will accord us that right, but we cannot ask them to join us in that sacred duty.

But we have tarried long enough in Maine and must hasten. Pennsylvania for 1884 is noticed in a very kindly way, quotations given from the address of Grand High Priest Hall, and the following observations made:

“He recognizes the danger of allowing the funds of Chapters to be spent and insists that the Grand Chapter should require the dues to be high enough to cover the expenses. We concur heartily in his general idea that Chapter Funds are *trust* funds and should not be diverted from their object. The civil law regards trust funds as sacred, and will not allow trustees to appropriate them for uses other than those for which they were designed. The idea has become too prevalent, that Chapters have the right to use their funds as they please—even the funds accumulated by those who have gone before. This is not true: the civil law has jurisdiction to prevent that, but our masonic law should be adhered to in such manner as to give no occasion for the interposition of the civil law. The line cannot be drawn with accuracy, but Chapters ought in good faith to fix their dues at such amounts as to enable them to pay ordinary current expenses without resorting to the accumulated fund. We are very glad that M. E. Comp. HALL has called attention to this matter.”

For the very handsome manner in which our appointment is welcomed we return our thanks.

The report concludes with some interesting notes on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, from which we select the following:

“12. The ceremony for laying corner stones is given. The Grand Lodge does this work, *while open as a Grand Lodge*, thus appearing in public as a Grand Lodge, contrary to the doctrine recently announced in Pennsylvania, that the craft has no *public* masonic ceremonies.”

Our principal reason for quoting this is to give us an opportunity to say that in mentioning Pennsylvania Companion Drummond has reference to a discussion with R. W. Past Grand Master, Bro. Richard Vaux, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Foreign Correspondence, on the subject of public installations, and that the Grand Chapter is not concerned. As our dearly-beloved Brother Vaux is able to maintain his own views, it is not necessary that we should volunteer our assistance. We will only remark that we think Companion Drummond has somewhat exaggerated the position of Pennsylvania, for our Grand Lodge has very frequently laid corner-stones, and we have no knowledge of an instance in which it was done in private within a tyled room. Such ceremonies must of necessity be conducted in public. Whether that fact justifies the public installation of officers, a matter in which the plea of necessity cannot be urged, we will leave Comp. Drummond to settle with R. W. Brother Vaux.

Manly G. Trask, Bangor, Grand High Priest; Ira Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary; Josiah H. Drummond, Portland, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

MARYLAND, 1884.

The Annual Convocation at the end of the eighty-seventh year, was held at Baltimore, November 11, and was opened by Companion George W. Sheive, M. E. Grand High Priest.

The annual address is devoted solely to local affairs. A dispensation for a new Chapter was granted, under which thirty-eight applications for degrees were made. The Most Excellent visited all the Chapters in the Jurisdiction but three, and reports the result as follows:

“As a general summary of the condition of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction, as is made manifest by the visitations I have made, I deem it necessary to say that, while the increase in membership, taken as a whole, has not equalled that of some past periods, yet the general work of the Craft is in good condition, and a high standard of excellence as to accuracy and method of rendition has been maintained.”

Companion Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Treasurer, closed his report with these words:

“Your Grand Treasurer begs leave to say that he has, for two consecutive years, occupied this honorable position to which you have elected him, and, as has often been said before, ‘honors are few and life is short,’ he would suggest that some other Companion of this Grand Body, equally as deserving of recognition as he has been, be elected to fill the position in his place, at this Annual Convocation. He makes this suggestion with no idea of shirking any duty he may owe this Grand Body, or any service he may render it, but simply in order that some other Companion may be recognized.”

He was re-elected—the balance in his hands being greater than at the beginning of the year.

A special committee reported upon the imbroglio between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, treating the matter in a very friendly and un-

impassioned manner, recognizing the exclusive jurisdiction of the former in Quebec, and requesting the latter to withdraw all warrants issued by it for Mark Lodges in that Province.

The dispensation of Garfield Chapter was continued and warrant authorized to be issued when the Grand High Priest shall find that the High Priest elect is, according to a standing regulation, "competent to confer the traditional work of all the degrees conferred in a Chapter of R. A. Masons."

The Most Excellent, in his address, referred in complimentary and deserved terms to Companion Schultz's History of Freemasonry in Maryland; the commendation was highly approved by the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, and, on their recommendation, an appropriation of \$150 was made to assist in defraying the expense of publishing the work. It is a pleasure to know that this valuable work is so highly appreciated.

In fifty-eight pages Companion Schultz manages to get in a most excellent review of thirty-four Grand Bodies, Pennsylvania for 1883 being included. The report is marked for its fraternal and elevated tone.

We quote the following as an item in the history of the Grand Chapter of Maryland:

"He refers to what we said last year under Minnesota, in regard to PHILIP P. ECKEL being a 33°, and also to the evidence adduced by us to show that a Grand Chapter existed in Maryland in 1797.

"A few Months since we were fortunate in bringing to light a number of the Masonic papers of Companion ECKEL; they are of much interest, and throw light on several points that were enveloped in obscurity. As we hope soon to publish these papers, we shall now merely say that these documents show conclusively that ECKEL was connected with a Lodge of Perfection in Baltimore instituted in 1792 by HENRY WILMANS, 'Grand Inspector General.' The Rituals of the Rite of Perfection 25° that were among ECKEL's papers show that he was in possession of all the degrees of that Rite, then the highest grade known. We also add, that among the papers is a dispensation from DAVID KERR, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, dated 1797, to Companion PHILIP P. ECKEL, to form a Chapter in Baltimore, which proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that the Grand Chapter of Maryland was in existence in 1797,"

1885.

M. E. Companion John M. Carter, Grand High Priest, opened the Annual Convocation at the close of the eighty-eighth year, at Baltimore November 10th. Ten of the thirteen Chapters in the Jurisdiction and nineteen Grand Chapters were represented, and fourteen Past Grand High Priests answered roll call.

The Annual Address is a brief account of the official acts of the most Excellent, the one fact of most general interest being that all but one of the subordinate Chapters had been visited during the year.

In the case of Garfield Chapter which had been referred to the Grand High Priest at the last Convocation a charter was granted and the Chapter constituted.

The standing resolutions were so amended as to abolish the office of Grand Lecturer and to substitute the Committee on work and it is now obligatory that the work be exemplified by either the Grand High Priest or the Committee on Work at such times as the former may designate.

The same Committee was authorized to have such portions of the exoteric work printed as may be necessary. Pray what is meant by "exoteric work?" We have some idea what "work" is, but we are not aware that there is anything "exoteric" about it.

The other proceedings were unimportant.

Companion E. T. Schultz again presented the report on Foreign Correspondence (88 pp.) reviewing in his usual style the proceedings of forty Grand Chapters and from which we will make a few selections.

Under Canada we find this :

"Suppose that *all* the powers and prerogatives of Grand Master and presiding Officers of Masonic bodies were 'specifically mentioned and

detailed in the Constitution.' How long would they be suffered to remain 'specifically' defined before the Constitutional 'Tinkers' would *try* to enlarge, abridge or *improve* them generally?

"We have more than once expressed the sentiment: that if we had the power we would give all our modern Constitutions to the flames and have our institution governed wholly by the ancient charges and regulations.

"These with a few local regulations are all the law necessary for the government of any body claiming to be Masonic. If this course could be adopted, we would not hear the new fangled doctrines annunciated or see regulations adopted, which are so rapidly modernizing our time-honored fraternity to the level of the associations of the day. Then, the ancient charges and regulations would be studied by Masters and those called upon to preside over our Masonic bodies, and decisions would be rendered in accordance therewith. Should a case be presented not specifically provided for by the ancient regulations, a decision would be rendered by analogy drawn therefrom.

"This attempt to legislate for every little emergency that arises or which it is supposed may arise creates confusion and leads to the adoption of regulations in violation of the Cardinal principles of Masonry,

To Companion Parvin's statement that there are no ancient landmarks in Royal Arch Masonry, he makes this vigorous answer:

"We greatly regret to see the attempts that are being made by distinguished Companions to *de-Masonic-ize* (so to speak) the Chapter degrees. Companion Gurney declares that the Chapter is but 'an association of Masons,' and now comes Companion Parvin, who says that Royal Arch Masonry is wholly a modern institution; that it is without 'usage,' 'customs,' or 'landmarks,' and that it is no part of 'Ancient Craft Masonry.'

"We desire to propound a few questions to these M. E. Companions.

"If the Master's degree is a part of Ancient Craft Masonry, why is not the Royal Arch degree also? How much older is the former than the latter? Is there any evidence to show that the Master's Degree, as we have it to-day, was known earlier than about the time of the revival of Masonry, 1717, *just twenty-three years before the Royal Arch was known and worked?* Do not our rituals teach that the Royal Arch is the completion of the Master's degree? Was not the Royal Arch for many years under the control and direction of Lodges and Grand Lodges? Did the taking of the Royal Arch from the Lodge strip that degree of its Masonic character any more than would the taking of the Master's Degree from the Lodge and conferring it under a separate organization?

"Are we not taught that all the Degrees of the York Rite (so called), except those of Knighthood, are the continuation and perfection of one system? Then why this talk of the Chapter not being a 'Masonic body,' and that it is without 'usage, custom or landmarks'? Surely an organization that has had an existence of nearly 150 years, may be presumed to have some *usages* and *customs*. A moment's reflection, we think, will convince any one that Royal Arch Masonry *has* usages, customs *and* landmarks."

Pennsylvania for 1884 receives a brief but fraternal notice.

The officers are the same as before:—John M. Carter, Grand High Priest; George L. McCahan, Grand Secretary; E. T. Schultz, Chairman of Correspondence Committee. Address of all, Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1884.

Quarterly convocations were held March 11, June 10, and September 9 and the Annual Convocation December 9. Beside those special convocations were held May 1, at Norwood, to constitute Hebron Chapter, and November 26, at Orange to constitute Crescent Chapter.

At the special convocations Companion Alfred F. Chapman, M. E. General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, was present and delivered addresses, at the former on "Man and his business in Freemasonry," and at the latter on "In and out of Royal Arch Masonry," both of which were entertaining and instructive. From the latter we quote the following:

"A Royal Arch Chapter is a part of, and is worked in, what is usually called the 'York Rite,' and this includes, a Lodge of Master Masons; a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; a Council of Royal and Select Masters; and a Commandery of Knights Templar, making a series of four separate organizations, grouped into one Rite, under the name given,

This arrangement of degrees and of working bodies is peculiar to the United States, and, as a matter of fact, ought to be known by the truer title of 'The American Rite.'"

It is important that those of us who aspire to be teachers in the craft should be exceedingly careful, and we are disposed to believe that in including Royal and Select Masters in the so-called "York Rite" Companion Chapman spoke without due reflection. The term "York Rite," as we understand it, is intended to describe the Masonic system as worked by the Ancients, a system which knew nothing whatever of the Royal and Select Masters,—the latter being a growth of quite recent years, having its origin in the Scottish Rite. We may possibly err in this observation, but we have always been under the impression that the "York Rite" includes nothing but the Lodge and Chapter.

In examining this pamphlet we are at a loss to understand by what authority warrants for new Chapters are issued in this jurisdiction. At the March Convocation a *dispensation* was granted for the Chapter at Orange, but we find nothing further on the subject until the special Convocation for constituting the Chapter, when we learn that the charter was read. Are dispensation and charter the same?

There is one feature of the special Convocations for which we were not prepared, and which made us doubt that we were within the staid old Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which until recently claimed to be the American Mother of Masonry. We read as follows :

"A delegation of the Companions, petitioners for the charter, waited upon and escorted the Grand Officers to the hall, where were found assembled a large concourse of the ladies, brethren, and Companions to witness the ceremonies."

A little further on our doubt moderated somewhat when the General Grand High Priest was escorted to his station and proceeded to deliver his address. We thought that the ladies and brethren were admitted simply to listen to the eloquent

words of the accomplished Companion who adorns the station of General Grand High Priest, and that when the proper time came the Companions would separate for the purpose of conducting the ceremonies of the Royal craft within tyled doors as they should be; but in this we were mistaken, for the record further on informs us that not only were the sacred ceremonies of constituting and consecrating the chapter performed before the mixed assemblage but so also were the ceremonies of installing the officers.

At the June quarterly convocation certain amendments to the Grand Constitution were adopted, whilst one of a more than ordinary character was not adopted, that is, that no candidate shall be exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason until he has chosen and recorded his Mark. The neglect to adopt and record Marks is by no means an uncommon one. We find it referred to in more than one jurisdiction. It involves a very important duty, a duty which demands prompt and exact performance as much as any other duty. The remedy proposed by our Massachusetts companions was an efficient one, and we are not quite sure that they did not make a mistake in refusing to adopt it.

The Annual Convocation was opened by the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion Albert C. Smith. The morning and afternoon sessions were occupied in exemplifying the Mark, Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees by the Grand Lecturer and his assistants. The work called forth the compliments and congratulations of the Grand High Priest.

The credentials of R. E. Sylvanus Cobb, Jr., as the Representative of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, were presented, and Companion Cobb duly received and acknowledged.

In his annual address, the Grand High Priest states that the Royal Arch Institution is in a happy and flourishing condition. He announces, in fraternal terms, the death of Companion Wanton T. Drew, P. G. Scribe, and of Companion Elbert H. English, P. G. Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chap-

ter. A large part of the address is taken up by the controversy between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, the side of the former being very warmly espoused. He is in favor of developing the social element in Chapters, and believes in "Masonic banquets and in the flow of soul that usually accompanies them." Some excellent advice is given to High Priests and Secretaries in regard to prompt collection of dues as the best means of strengthening the financial condition of Chapters. A growing interest in the correct and efficient rendition of the work is reported, followed by some very apt observations, among which is this: "Every brother who pays the necessary fee for the Chapter degrees has a right to receive them in a correct and impressive manner."

We make the following quotation:

"It yields me a great satisfaction to report the emphatic progress which has been made within this jurisdiction during the past three years in regard to 'The Mark.' Yet there are a few Chapters and many Companions who have not given due heed to this important subject. It is indeed a matter of so much importance that I feel impelled once more briefly to allude to it. It seems to me, that no Companion would willingly omit so weighty a duty if he perceived the sublimity of its symbolism. Away back in the morning of semi-civilization, when men began to band themselves into societies, we find record of a Mark in character and purpose like our own. The ancient Arrhabo in use by the Romans, and by them borrowed from the Israelites, was a Mark of this stamp, a token, or pledge of friendship. Sometimes it was a coin or a plate, engraved for the purpose, at other times it was a piece of money broken into halves. But whatever it was, it was sacred. There can be no doubt that our Mark was derived from this custom. The degree of Mark Master Mason was instituted solely for the purpose of introducing the Mark and securing the benefits to be derived from its use, and for no other purpose whatever.

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"Let us heed the lesson, remembering that without the Mark this degree means nothing, and that with it is carried a great lesson and a mighty truth. For your own good and for the good of Capitular Masonry, I trust you will give this subject your earnest attention, and by the exercise of your influence and the weight of your legislation, seek to make the choosing and recording of the Mark by every Mark Master in this jurisdiction a Masonic necessity."

There is so much in the purpose of these observations to commend that we dislike to point out what we regard as one or two errors or oversights. We do not believe that the Mark degree was instituted solely for the purpose of introducing the Mark and securing the benefits to be derived from its use, nor that without the Mark the degree means nothing, and we prefer to think that the Most Excellent spoke without due reflection. The degree was certainly intended, as all Masonic degrees are, to teach the sublime truths and duties embraced in it, and the Mark introduced simply for the purpose of impressing those truths and duties upon our minds, just as the Cross impresses us with the sublime truths of the Christian religion. The Cross may be removed, but Christ remains. So the Mark may be neglected and the beauties of the degree remain undimmed.

The proceedings were purely local.

Companion John W. Dadmun furnishes an excellent report on Foreign Correspondence, covering ninety-seven pages, reviewing thirty-nine Grand Bodies. This is his fifteenth report, and we are justified in applying to it, in its full force and meaning, the old saying — “Practice makes perfect.”

Under Connecticut he says:

“Comp. Barlow, we must give up that old idea that ‘the collection of dues is of comparative modern origin.’ History has developed the fact that the collection of dues must have commenced with the formation of Subordinate Lodges. Our quotation from the by-laws of the first constituted Lodge in Boston, dated 1733, shows that ‘Quarterages’ were required of its members. This was only *sixteen* years after the formation of the Grand Lodge of England. We do not claim that ‘regulations on this subject have the sanction of a landmark,’ but that *dues were not required in the old constitutions as a condition of membership in the Fraternity.*”

We refer him to still older evidence than that; Liber B. of St. John’s Lodge, Philadelphia, the first Lodge established in America, which, under date of 1732, shows that monthly quotas were required of its members.

Under the General Grand Chapter we find the following:

“At the last hour, when many of the members had left for home, or for California, an attempt was made to pass the following resolution, offered by Comp. Bowen, of Nebraska:—

“That membership in a Chapter should be dependent upon and coexistent with membership in a Lodge of Freemasons.’”

And then these remarks:

“An attempt to force such a measure through the General Grand Chapter, at the last hour of its session, when it was well known that at least one third of its members had left, does not look well in a brotherhood of Masons. We do not intend to impugn the motives of any one, but such a movement, at such a time, and under such circumstances, smacks too much of mere *party* intesests.”

On this we beg leave to remark that if it is the duty of two-thirds of the members to remain until the close of the session it is equally the duty of the other third, and because one-third may see fit to desert their posts is no reason for denying to the remaining two-thirds the right to transact any proper business. There is no improper period of a session to introduce proper business, and it is for those who remain to say what shall be done with it; it certainly does not become those who run away from duty to complain of it when performed by others. It “does not look well in a brotherhood of Masons” to charge the efforts of those who remain in the honest discharge of their duty until the end of a session with smacking “too much of mere *party* interests.” Rather let the cudgel fall upon the shoulders of those who voluntarily assume a duty and run away from it. Of course, we are not interested in the proposed legislation, we are interested in the higher and more general principle involved in it. There is in the Fraternity too much ambition for high places simply for the honor they bring, and too little regard for the duties which they impose. Those who desert their posts and go junketing through the country should be held more responsible for improper legislation than those who remain to participate in it, and even if the proposed legislation in this case was not entirely wise, Companion Bowen is not under any obligation to apologize, much less to submit to censure, for his conduct.

Pennsylvania is very kindly noticed.

Frederick T. Comee, Boston, Grand High Priest; Zeph. H. Thomas, Cambridge, Grand Secretary; John W. Dadmun, Boston, Committee on Correspondence.

MICHIGAN, 1885.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation was opened at Detroit, January 20th, by Companion Theron F. Giddings, Grand High Priest.

The annual address is a concise and satisfactory business paper. Three Chapters were constituted during the year. Several dispensations to elect and instal officers at other than the regular time were granted. Five decisions were made of which we quote the following :

“4. Question. Where is the proper place for a charter of a Chapter to be during its meeting? Would the hanging of the same in the preparation room be sufficient?

“Answer. It is immaterial where charter hang, or even if it is hung up at all, as long as it is in the possession of the Chapter, and open for inspection.”

The answer implies that the charter may be hung in the preparation room and may be in possession of the Chapter; but this was corrected by the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom the decisions were referred and who reported :

“Decision No. 4 is in the main correct, and we generally agree with the same, still we desire to add that the *proper place* for the charter of a Chapter is in Chapter room proper, under the immediate charge of the High Priest when the Chapter is at work. It makes no difference where or how he keeps it, so long as he has it present in the Chapter while at work; whether it hangs on the wall of the room or is in a case. So long as the High Priest has it present when at work is all that is required of him.”

The Grand Secretary reported among other things that under a resolution of the preceding convocation he had prepared and presented to the Past Grand High Priests having the old jewels, jewels of the pattern now in use, and he concludes :

“The jewels voted by the Grand Chapter are now of one pattern and one value. All have received the same wages, and all ought to be satisfied, and your Grand Secretary rejoices that, after many years, the Craft have received their wages, and ‘are satisfied.’”

In the Treasurer’s report we learn that there were nine of these jewels, and that they cost an aggregate of \$1,215, which shows that Michigan is up to the standard at least. Notwithstanding this large unusual outlay the Treasurer is able to report a balance of \$4,822.50 on the right side of the account.

The following was adopted :

“*Resolved*, That the proper clothing of the officers of this Grand Chapter—by abandoning the cumbersome collars now used and substituting a proper badge of this office—be referred to a committee of three to report the form or samples of said badges, and the expense of the same, to this Grand Chapter at its next session.”

The special Committee on the Quebec matter presented a brief but comprehensive report, which is not only satisfactory in its statement of facts but commendable for its fraternal spirit. Although its conclusions are decidedly against the position assumed by the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, it appeals to the better judgment of that Grand Body to restore peace and harmony to the Craft by retiring from that position.

The other proceedings are not noteworthy.

Our genial and beloved Companion, William P. Innes, presents his annual string of pearls, in the shape of a report on Foreign Correspondence covering two hundred and thirty-one pages and reviewing thirty-seven Grand Bodies, Pennsylvania for 1883 being among the number. Of course the work is very pleasantly done, and gives an excellent idea of what is being said and done in the Royal Arch domain. As everybody knows,

it is an exceedingly difficult matter to review such a report, as its author says very little either to commend or to criticise. We have often thought that something should be done to stir him up, either to get him mad or to form a combination among the other reporters to say no more than he does. It would be a "cold day" for Michigan if the scissors should be substituted for the pen in all the other jurisdictions. The very suggestion will cause Companion Innes to turn pale, and, we hope, to promise to do better in the future.

We have gone through this report quite carefully admiring the judicious manner in which the selections are made and hoping that we might find something of Innes' own that we might appropriate as a gem to brighten up our own dull work; but we had almost despaired of success until we reached his conclusion, when we struck the following, which is so true and so forcibly expressed that we consider it worth more than its weight in gold.

"At times, in noting the questions submitted to a Grand High Priest, the thought has occurred to us that too often the High Priest of a Chapter is chosen for his position in society or his popularity, the question of fitness being ignored entirely. We would caution the subordinates of this mode of procedure as detrimental to the best interests of Capitular Masonry we love so dear. The occupant of this high position should be chosen for his absolute worth. He should be thoroughly posted as to the precepts and principles of the Craft. He should be a reading, thinking Mason, and above all one whose exemplary character and actions would command the respect and admiration of all, either within or without the walls of the Chapter; and that we may have from our Chapter members such men to choose from as presiding officers, your committee would fraternally recommend all Royal Arch Masons to guard well the outer door of the Chapter room. Examine carefully the character of the material admitted. Remember that the knowledge of an applicant's character for a few years is not sufficient to prove his worth; his whole life should be carefully scrutinized, as too much care cannot be exercised in the admission of new material into the sanctity of our Order. The presence of one unworthy person can easily prove contaminating to a whole Chapter; and, where bid to reign, prosperity and excellence, alas, become a chaotic wreck."

If this lesson were not only heeded but acted upon, there would be much less complaint about the decadence of Chapters

than we are accustomed to. Some day it may be necessary to establish a sort of a Civil Service system in order to secure the kind of officers described by Companion Innes. In this jurisdiction a new warrant is never issued unless ample assurance is given that the proposed officers are able to do the work; but there the system ends. It is a question whether it would not be well to require the like assurance every year before installing the officers elect.

Pennsylvania has very kindly mention, but we would rather our communications were not spoken of as "convocations."

W. Irving Latimer, Lansing, Grand High Priest; W. P. Innes, Grand Rapids, Grand Secretary and Chairman, Correspondence Committee.

MISSISSIPPI, 1885.

The thirty-seventh Annual Convocation was opened at Jackson, February 9th, by R. E. Companion S. C. Conly, Deputy Grand High Priest. In the list of "Present" with which the journal commences, a very heavy black line opposite "Grand High Priest," gives us the first intimation of the grievous calamity which befell the Grand Chapter during the year, in the death of M. E. Companion William French. Thirty-three of the forty-five Chapters on the roll were represented.

The Right Excellent first acknowledges the goodness of God for his watchfulness over us and the many mercies vouchsafed by Him during the year, and then, in tender language, announces among others, the death of the following distinguished companions:

James M. Houry, Past Grand High Priest.
Robert B. Mayes, Past Grand High Priest.
Thomas Hardeman, M., Past Grand King.
John A. Galbreath, Past Grand King.

The charters of two Chapters were arrested for failure to make returns and pay dues.

On the state of Capitular Masonry in the jurisdiction we find the following observations, the general application of which is so evident that we need not apologize to any for quoting them :

“In our own jurisdiction, from the best information I have been able to obtain, some Chapters are prospering, with brighter future prospects before them, while others are standing still, and in some few cases, there appears to be a feeling of indifference. On the whole, we feel hopeful for the future ; but we must admit that the evidence of prosperity is not as encouraging as we desire it should be ; and may I be permitted, my Companions, to enquire, who is to blame for this lack of prosperity ? Have we performed our whole duty ? We are taught that our duties and obligations increase as we advance in Masonry ; hence, as Royal Arch Masons, we ought to be zealous in good works, trying to promote, not only among the Companions, but before the outside world, “a character above reproach,” and a steady growth of morality and brotherly love. We should avoid saying or doing anything that would bring, in the remotest degree, our order into disrepute. If the drunkard or blasphemer has obtained a place among us, they should reform or be honest enough to stand aside, and not bring odium or censure upon an Order that has so highly favored them. These vices are not generally prevalent, but if they do exist at all, they damage the good name of the Order. Let us be diligent in the discharge of the trust and duties incumbent on us here. To do well and faithfully whatsoever we are charged with doing here, is as imperative upon us as it is to prepare ourselves for what awaits us hereafter beyond the border of life.”

The Constitution of the Grand Chapter was amended by reducing the fee for dispensations for new Chapters from ninety to fifty dollars.

Companion Frederick Speed, special Committee for the purpose of redrafting the laws of the Grand Chapter made a report embracing I., The Statutes ; II., Rules for the government of Grand Chapter on Trials ; III., Regulations for the government of Chapters, their officers and members ; IV., Rules relating to Masonic offences and for the government of Chapters on Trials ; V., Rules of Order.

At the time at which we write we are unable to stop long enough to give to this work the necessary examination to determine its merit, but from the well-known ability of its author we can readily believe that it would safely pass the ordeal of criticism. From the report itself we quote the following :

“Your Committee, although the subject is not, strictly speaking, germane to this report, cannot refrain from expressing the painful reflection which the discovery of the mortifying fact that fully one-third of our rules relate to the subject of Masonic discipline has occasioned him. If he knew, he did not realize the extent of this class of legislation until the necessity of analyzing it was made a duty. Freemasons are regarded and ought to be better men than those who have not been brought under its salutary influences, and yet experience teaches us that much of the material which passes the Overseer’s square is really defective, or else there would be no necessity of encumbering our records with laws which at every line cause a blush of shame, and which, at best, can but be regarded as an evidence that no mere human organization can be so perfectly formed that discord and disloyalty to plighted faith cannot find an entrance. If there is need for all these disciplinary laws—and humiliating as the admission is, it must be conceded that such seems to be the fact—then it is high time that the watchmen set at our gates should be warned of the approach of an enemy more terrible than an army with banners, an enemy that “walketh in darkness” and “wasteth at noon-day,” and well may we raise the warning cry, “to your tents, O Israel!” ere it be too late to save the tabernacle of the Lord from polluting hands.”

Suitable memorials to the fraternal dead were adopted and a considerable amount of local business transacted.

Companion P. M. Savery presented the report on Foreign Correspondence (51 pp.), reviewing the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter. The selections are very carefully made, but the original work is quite scanty, for the reason expressed in the following :

“Comp. Long gives Mississippi a friendly greeting, mention and farewell. Says of our report, that we give no chance to cull our sentiments, etc. Well, we prefer reading history, to dissertations, and so do the majority of the Royal Craft in Mississippi.”

What Companion Savery has to say is, however, said very pleasantly and fraternally. In his conclusion he lets himself

out a little and gives a lively description of the Masons who never read the Correspondence reports and who grumble at the cost of printing them. To make up for his failure to intersperse his report with "dissertations" he winds up with his platform, in all of which we heartily concur, excepting the second plank; here it is:

"We are opposed to the merger of the Cryptic and Capitular degrees. Our Grand Chapter is not!

"We are opposed to the use of Substitutes in conferring degrees. Our Grand Chapter is not!

"We are opposed to the mileage and per diem systems. Our Grand Chapter is not!

"We are in favor of indefinite suspension, and even *expulsion*, for wilful and persistent non-payment of dues when the Companion is able to pay them. Our Grand Chapter won't go the expulsion.

"We are in favor of all Royal Arch Masons over seventy years of age being considered Life Members of the Fraternity and exempt from the payment of dues. Our Grand Chapter is not!

"Now we understand we are to write these reports for the benefit of the Craft in Mississippi, *specially*, and it's hardly fair to advocate opinions contrary to the belief of the majority of the Royal Craft in Mississippi *at their expense*."

Pennsylvania for 1883 receives a one-page very courteous notice, in which our action in the case of Dr. Williams is fully endorsed.

The reviewer has fallen into an error in regard to the time that our Grand Officers are elected, for he says that the election of officers "having been held on this (St. John's) day, they were regularly installed." For the better information of the Companion we will say that we have four quarterly communications, on the Thursday following the first Wednesday of March, June, September and December, and an annual on St. John the Evangelist's day. Officers are elected at the December quarterly communication and installed on St. John's day.

S. C. Conly, McCool, Grand High Priest; J. L. Power, Jackson, Grand Secretary; P. M. Savery, Tupelo, Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

MISSOURI, 1885.

The thirty-eighth Annual Convocation was opened at St. Louis, May 7th by M. E. Companion C. C. Woods, Grand High Priest. There were present all of the Grand Officers, representatives of eighty-one out of the ninety-eight Subordinate Chapters and of twenty-seven Grand Chapters including Pennsylvania.

The annual address opened as follows :

“To the Supreme Grand Council of the Universe we offer the adoration of grateful hearts for our safe and happy deliverance from the dangers that have waited along our way.

“Rough and rugged, indeed, has been the way to some of us, and the journey toilsome. The horrors of the wilderness have sobered our youthful enthusiasm, and the rising storm has darkened upon our day. The ruins through which we have passed have left their mournful impression upon our hearts. Every echoing footfall through the deserted courts and empty palaces speaks of hopes that are dead, and the wind as it wails through the broken columns and ruined arches, tells us in impressive language the awful truth, that the brightest is only the most fleeting, and the dearest to be soonest torn away from our longing hearts.

“We have met again, but not as we were in the years ago. The glow of health that tinged the cheek and laughed in the eye has given place to the sallow tint of disease and the languor of debility; the bounding step of young manhood has shaded into the tottering paces of old age, and upon our heads the ‘almond tree is flourishing.’ We meet again, but not as of yore; for some of us are growing old now, and some will soon pass through the white vail of death and enter upon the wondrous mysteries which flesh and blood can never know.

“May we, my companions, so toil in the quarries where our tasks are assigned us that our work may stand the test. May we uncover and bring to light among the ruins of cherished fancies and ardent desire, of fondest hopes and pure ambitions—may we out of the losses, and sorrows, and pains of life gather those sublime treasures of wisdom by which our spirits, freed from defilement and sin, may joyfully anticipate and proudly receive the everlasting inheritance of the pure in heart.”

Under the head of official acts we find the following in relation to Haggai Chapter, No. 65 :

“About July, 1884, a charge was preferred against Comp. T. I. Johnson, H. P. of this Chapter, in due form, and signed by a number of worthy companions of the Chapter, setting forth that he was a saloon-keeper, and, either in whole or in part, was then owning and operating saloons both in Holden and Kansas City, contrary to the spirit and law of Masonry, and greatly to the scandal and hurt of our institution. I was well satisfied from personal knowledge, of the truth of the accusation, and doubted not for a moment that such conduct was altogether contrary to the spirit of Freemasonry, but after much thought and many consultations with wise and good Masons, I yet doubted the proper course to be pursued.

“While he was a violater of law, and, as such, liable to be dealt with, Yet I doubted the propriety of interfering officially in the way of a suspension of the H. P. under the circumstances, for it seemed to me that the Chapter itself was guilty in a larger measure in electing him to office under the circumstances; and that my only proper action was to suspend the Chapter. But in doing this, I would, of necessity, inflict great hardship upon the Companions, many of whom I knew to be good and loyal Masons, and probably only led into this unfortunate position by the unhappy prejudices and difficulties which have existed both in lodge and chapter there for some time.

“I did not doubt but the Grand Chapter would sustain me in the arrest of the Charter, after the assurances I received from leading members of the body; but, after much perplexity, I at length determined to wait until their election and see what spirit and disposition was indicated therein. And I am glad to say that this was eminently satisfactory in its results, and good men were put in office, so that I now believe the chapter will succeed in recovering the position lost through the mistakes and errors of the past. It is but proper to say that the charges were preferred by men of undoubted Masonic and moral character, and my difficulty was increased by the fact that Comp. Johnson is a genial and kindly hearted Mason, from whom I have invariably received the most courteous attention, personally and officially. I refer the matter to the Grand Chapter, believing it your duty so to express yourselves that, should a Chapter err in this wise in the future, the duty of the Grand High Priest may be plain and manifest.”

On this subject the report of the Committee on the address made the following recommendation which was adopted :

"We recommend the approval of the action of the Grand High Priest with reference to Haggai Chapter, and should a similar violation of law occur in the future we would recommend the suspension of the Charter of the Chapter thus offending."

We are sorry to say that we cannot commend the action of either the Grand High Priest or Grand Chapter. The head and front of Companion Johnson's offending was not, it seems, that he was a saloon keeper, but that he had been elected High Priest of his Chapter. Now that his term of office has expired and a new High Priest has been elected, who is not a saloon keeper, the offence is no more. He, however, still remains a member of the Chapter, in good standing, and continues to sell liquor as before. As *good* men have been put into office, the Chapter will soon recover from its disgrace in electing the bad saloon keeper. If keeping a saloon is "contrary to the spirit and law of Masonry, and greatly to the scandal and hurt of our Institution," why is it any more an offence to elect the offender High Priest than to allow him to continue a member of the Chapter? We have never understood that a man's business entered into his qualification for election to a Masonic office, and we do not believe that it is any more an offence upon the part of a Chapter to elect as High Priest a saloon keeper than it is to elect a president of a missionary society. We are discussing this subject as a question of Masonic law, and do not wish to be misunderstood.

No matter how good or how moral the man may be otherwise we never have and we never will vote for a saloon-keeper for any Masonic office; and we never have and never will consent to the admission of such a man into the Fraternity. What we object to in the case is that the offence of Companion Johnson against the "spirit and law of Masonry" was limited to his election to the office of High Priest. Of course, the Chapter ought to be ashamed of its act, but if the Companion has a right to retain his membership in the Chapter, the Chapter had a right to elect him High Priest, and the Grand High Priest should have made no ado about it. We are very jealous of the rights of subordinates and don't like to see them taken to task

for their actions except in clear cases, and this is not a case which justifies the action taken. To be consistent, the Grand High Priest should have insisted upon the Companion being turned out of the Chapter, for if keeping a saloon is contrary to the "spirit and law of Masonry," he is guilty of a Masonic offence as long as he remains a member of the Fraternity.

Whilst we have been compelled to differ from the Most Excellent on this subject, it is a pleasure to be able to commend the following observations on the Quebec trouble, as they show that Missouri and Pennsylvania are in accord on that important matter :

"Of course, we are in thorough sympathy with our companions on *this side of the Atlantic*, and recognize in Comp. H. L. Robinson, Grand Z. great masonic ability and a bold and manly spirit, not likely to fail in the present juncture, yet we deem it improper to rashly intrude upon a difference between these Grand Bodies which they will speedily adjust themselves if left to cool reflection. We regret that other Grand Chapters have not seen proper to evade the issue presented, and that they have entered into a quarrel not their own. Doubtless the breach has only been widened thereby. We should refer the whole matter to the General Grand Chapter."

The Committee on Grievance reported that no complaint from any quarter had been submitted, and the Committee on Charity recommended that an appropriation of one hundred dollars be made for the relief of a Companion of Macon Chapter, No. 22. This large-hearted charity was, of course, approved.

The following needs no comment:

"Your committee on Masonic Home beg leave to submit the following report:—

"We pledge the Grand Lodge our hearty co-operation in the laudable undertaking of finding homes for the widows and orphans of our departed brethren, and urge upon the Grand Lodge prompt action to the end, that ample provisions may be promptly made for the care and comfort of those dependent on the Masonic Fraternity; assuring the Committee from the Grand Lodge that this Grand Chapter will do her full duty."

Charters were granted to Lathrop, Salathiel and El Dorado Chapters, Dispensations for which had been granted during the year.

A revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Chapter was reported and adopted, with some amendments. The report is not printed with the proceedings.

The following brief but beautiful production appears in the appendix :

IN MEMORIAM.

"We wrought with them in the quarries, and knew them as true and faithful craftsmen. They were active, earnest workers in the moral vineyard, and bore the full burden and heat of the day, receiving their wages uncomplainingly, in full confidence that the Lord of the vineyard would do that which is just and right. To them has come the joyful proclamation of liberation from the servitude and toils of earth, and, as freemen, they have been invited to enter within the City and Temple of the Lord. Some of our companions passed through years of suffering and sorrow and trial before reaching the end of the journey. While others, at one bound, passed beyond the confines of mortality. But all, we humbly hope, have safely reached the haven of eternal rest, where suffering and sorrow and death can come no more."

A genial report on correspondence (86 pp.) was submitted by Companion W. H. Mayo. Thirty-two jurisdictions only succeeded in reporting at his desk, Pennsylvania being among the absentees.

Lee A. Hall, St. Louis, Grand High Priest; W. H. Mayo, St. Louis, Grand Secretary and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

NEBRASKA, 1884.

The Eighteenth Annual Convocation was held at Omaha, December 10th, and was opened by M. E. Companion James E. Tulleys, Grand High Priest, with twenty-one of the twenty-five subordinate Chapters represented.

The annual address is merely a report of official acts. Four dispensations were issued during the year for new Chapters, one at Blue Springs, Gage County, one at St. Paul, Howard County, one at David City, Butler County, and one at Plum Creek, Dawson County. Damascus Chapter, No. 25, and Merrick Chapter, No. 26, were constituted.

A banquet was provided by the Companions of Omaha, after which the officers of Omaha Chapter, No. 1, conferred the Royal Arch degree.

The following amendments to the Constitution were adopted :

“Article VI, Sec. —. Membership in a Chapter is dependent upon, and co-existent with, membership in a lodge of Freemasons.

“Any Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master or Royal Arch Mason who is suspended in or expelled from his lodge is *ipso facto* suspended in or expelled from his Chapter. Any Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, or Royal Arch Mason, who, for six months, remains unaffiliated with a lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons is *ipso facto* suspended in his Chapter, such suspension to be terminated by his affiliation with a lodge, due notice being given thereof to his Chapter.”

From the report of the Committee on returns we learn that there were 145 exaltations during the year and that there was a net gain in membership of 163.

Charters were granted to Hiram, Tyrian and Jordan Chapters under dispensation and the dispensation of the David City Chapter continued for one year.

Of four decisions reported by the Most Excellent two were approved, and two not approved. The last two are in our opinion eminently correct, but the Grand Chapter thought differently. The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence thereon was as follows :

“ *Third.* That the decision that when a brother has been elected to take the Chapter degrees of Mark Master and Past Master advancement cannot be prevented by a single objection, but that charges must be preferred, be not approved.

“ *Fourth.* That the decision that Chapters can, if they so desire, make any of their members honorary or life members, be not approved. Your committee would, however, say that it is their opinion that Chapters can relieve or exempt any member from the payment of dues to such Chapter, but such action would not relieve or exempt such Chapter from the payment of Grand Chapter dues for such member.”

The resolution requiring that a High Priest must first have served as King or Scribe was repealed, and this we think was a great step backward.

An amendment to the Constitution increasing the Grand Chapter fee for each exaltation from three to five dollars was not adopted. This seemed to open up the way for propositions to reduce in other directions, for an amendment was offered to reduce the Annual Grand Chapter per. capita dues from seventy-five to sixty-five cents, and then as a sort of counter-balance another amendment was offered to increase the minimum fee for the degrees from twenty-five to thirty-five dollars.

The Committee on Accounts made a report from which we learn that the balance on hand at the beginning of the year, \$1,468.60, had increased to the handsome sum of \$2,176.34. Among the appropriations recommended was, “Grand Secretary services 1884, \$300.” And then a little episode occurred which shows the sterling good qualities of Companion Bowen, and the high estimation in which he is deservedly held. We quote :

“As the report was about being adopted the Grand Secretary remarked that the effect would be to increase his 1884 salary one hundred dollars, two hundred dollars being the sum fixed by law.

"On motion of Companion Lininger, the committee was instructed to amend the report by appropriating \$200 salary, and \$100 additional salary, for year 1884; and as thus amended the report was adopted.

"Companion Wheeler proposed the following amendment to the by-law; unanimous consent being given to its immediate consideration, the amendment was adopted without dissent:

"Amend Section XIV of the by-laws so as to read as follows: The Grand Treasurer shall receive the sum of five dollars per annum, and the Grand Secretary shall receive the sum of three hundred dollars per annum, as salary."

The last thing and one of the most sensible things done was the following:

"Companion Jordan, 11, gave notice that at the next annual convocation he would introduce a proposition for the Grand Chapter to abandon all control over the degrees of Royal and Select Master."

There was no report on Correspondence.

Henry E. Palmer, Plattsmouth, Grand High Priest; William R. Bowen, Omaha, Grand Secretary, the latter re-elected.

NEVADA, 1884.

The eleventh Annual Convocation was opened at the City of Virginia, June 9th, by M. E. Companion Chauncy N. Noteware, Grand High Priest. All of the elective Grand Officers were present as were also the representatives of eight out of the nine Subordinate Chapters.

The Most Excellent reports the highly prosperous condition of Capitular Masonry in the jurisdiction and takes pleasure in saying that notwithstanding the depression in trade the numerical strength has been increased. His duties were not onerous. One Chapter was constituted during the year. Twelve decisions are reported, all evidently growing out of the same matter; they were all approved save one, to wit: "No Masonic labor, save the burial of the dead, should be performed on Sunday," which

was considered by the Committee on Jurisprudence as too sweeping, and a subject which ought to be left to the sound discretion of the High Priest.

Two of the decisions in their order are as follows :

“4. It is not a Masonic offense for one Companion to request of another to divulge his vote upon a petition for degrees.

“5. It is a Masonic offense for a Companion to divulge his vote upon a petition for degrees or affiliation.”

We would reverse these decisions, and punish a Companion who would solicit another to divulge his vote in such a case, and hold the other guiltless, provided he voted against the applicant. The ballot is not only secret but sacred, and must be so guarded that by no possibility can it be ascertained who casts a black ball. It certainly is a Masonic offense for a Companion by asking others how they voted, to endeavor to develop the Companion who rejected the applicant. We have a right to say that we cast the black ball, because the law as to the secrecy and sacredness of the ballot is for our protection and we may waive it ; but we have no right to say that we cast a white ball, because all others would possess the same right, and by ascertaining those who cast the white balls would render it an easy matter to find out who cast the black ball.

The charter of White Pine Chapter, No. 4, was forfeited for failure to hold meetings for a year.

1885.

The twelfth Annual Convocation was held at the City of Reno, June 8th, and the proceedings are published in the same pamphlet with those of 1884, it being the custom in this jurisdiction to publish every two years. M. E. Companion Adolphus L. Fitzgerald, Grand High Priest, the elective Grand Officers, three Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of seven of the eight Subordinate Chapters were present,

The Most Excellent begins his address as though he were writing a lecture for a commercial college and quite bewilders us who are ignorant of financiering, by his use of "compound the interest which the original capital invested has accumulated," "future investments," "funds," "additions," &c. It contains nothing of general interest.

The financial condition of the Grand Chapter is very good, the Grand Treasurer having in his hands at the close of the year the sum of \$1,236.50, being an increase of \$61.25. We are pleased to note that the largest item in the disbursements after the Grand Secretary's salary was charity, \$222.

The proceedings were unimportant.

The report on Foreign Correspondence (60 pp.) was presented by Companion John D. Hammond. We do not know how many Grand Chapters are reviewed, as the only way to ascertain the number is to run through the report and count them, and that we determined a few years ago when writing similar reports for our Grand Commandery we would never do. The report, nevertheless, is a good one, and we will make an extract or two from it.

In answer to Companion Robertson, of Canada, he makes the following forcible remarks upon a subject which is now being quite largely discussed :

"If one must be a Master Mason in good standing before he may *gain* Chapter membership, pray, logically, ought he not to be in good standing as a Master Mason in order to *retain* the same membership? If, in reply, it is said that a Mason who has been suspended or stricken from the roll, or whatever else it may be named, for non-payment of dues, is still in good standing, we have to say, simply, that he who wears the lambskin, and at the same time refuses its burdens, *being able*, ought not to be in good standing. We are opposed to any theory which bunches a shirker with a worker on equal terms. Companion ROBERTSON and others argue the other side with no little force; but we are much mistaken if the tide of current Masonic thought is not setting somewhat against them."

In our review of Indiana we have made a fraternal reply to a criticism on Pennsylvania for not taking hasty action on the controversy between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Mark Lodge of England. Companion Hammond is so thoroughly in accord with the spirit of this jurisdiction that it is due to him that we should quote the following:

“So far as we have seen, no American Grand Chapter has sustained the course of England, but all have deprecated the same. Some Grand Chapters have requested England to withdraw warrants from Quebec; others have declared non-intercourse with England. We are not at all in favor of the latter method. In our judgment, non-intercourse should only be resorted to when some landmark has been assailed—as in the case of France. Questions of mere jurisdiction, or of common jurisprudence, ought to be settled by correspondence, or by kindly interference of friendly peers. Perhaps it is not to be expected that the parties in interest, after correspondence shall have been faithfully tried—as in this difficulty it was—shall continue their intercourse, but for outside parties to declare war as the sworn allies of either side, seems unwarranted, if not ridiculous. Let us have plenty of square talk and sound argument, until the right is so plain that the wrong can no longer exist. In our way of thinking, non-intercourse between Grand Bodies has been sadly overdone.”

Pennsylvania for 1884 receives fraternal mention.

Thomas A. Menary, Gold Hill, Grand High Priest; John D. Hammond, Carson, Grand Secretary and Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1885.

M. E. Companion Alpheus W. Baker, Grand High Priest, opened the sixty-seventh Annual Convocation at Concord, May 19th, with nearly all the Grand Officers in their respective places and stations. Thirteen Grand Chapters and fourteen of the twenty-two Subordinate Chapters on the rolls were represented.

A well-written address was presented by the Most Excellent, in which he reports his official acts, which were not numerous. Royal Arch Masonry in New Hampshire is prosperous. We quote the following beautiful passage:

“This seeming quiescence however, is but the stillness of the deep waters, the calm of steady progress of freedom from innovation or radical change. Conditions which more emphatically than aught else proclaim that the light of Royal Arch Masonry within our jurisdiction burns steadily and clearly; that its fortress is Truth; its principles Eternal, and that our own measure of our duty and estimate of our privileges are fixed and constant, because they are generally just and true.”

Two dispensations were granted during the year, one for a public installation of officers and the other to appear in regalia.

After stating the very gratifying fact that “the officers of the Chapters have manifested an enthusiasm in seeking proper instructions,” and that “there is greater uniformity in working the several degrees,” he expresses the opinion that the time has come to provide for annual exemplifications of the degrees, similar to that of the Grand Lodge of the State, and recommends that the Regulations of the Grand Chapter be so amended as to provide for a semi-annual convocation for that purpose. On the report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, the Grand Chapter directed that such a convocation for such a purpose be held this year. As a revision of the Grand Constitution, reported at this convocation, provides for a semi-annual convocation, it was deemed advisable that the action on the revision should determine whether semi-annual convocations should be permanently established or not.

For several years, application has frequently been made by Companions at North Conway for the establishment of a Chapter at that place, but no other action has been taken, except to make a shuttle-cock of it by annually sending it from Grand Chapter to Grand High Priest and from Grand High Priest to Grand Chapter. The Most Excellent expressed himself weary of the matter, and after presenting a resolution of North Star Chapter, granting their consent, *provided*, no encroachments were

made upon their jurisdiction, which resolution he considered as declining to give consent, he asked the Grand Chapter to settle the matter without further delay. The Grand Chapter promptly refused the prayer of the petition and the anxiously-longed-for Chapter is not to be.

King Solomon Chapter was allowed to remove from Wilton to Milford, and the following resolution was adopted :

“Resolved, That the Grand High Priest be requested to open a correspondence with the Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine, looking to a concordat between this Grand Chapter and that of Maine, by which the jurisdiction of certain districts in New Hampshire may be ceded to Chapters in Maine near the border, and in return a similar cession be made by the Grand Chapter of Maine, of territory near to Chapters in New Hampshire. Such negotiations to be reported to this Grand Chapter at its next annual convocation.”

Companion Albert S. Wait presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing, in a very fraternal manner, the proceedings of forty Grand Chapters, some of them for two years, Pennsylvania for 1884 being included.

The writer very forcibly, and often at considerable length, expresses his views upon the questions of the day, notably on the effect of suspension in Blue Lodge for non-payment of dues on membership in the Chapter. We had intended to quote from what he has to say on the latter question, but we find on examination that in order to present him intelligibly to our readers we would be compelled to quote nearly all he says, and as the subject is clearly defined in the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, its only practical value would be to show that our law is orthodox, but of that fact we have never doubted, so will pass the subject, and indeed the entire report.

Alpheus H. Baker, Lebanon, Grand High Priest ; George P. Cleaves, Concord, Grand Secretary ; Albert S. Wait, Newport, Chairman Correspondence Committee, all continued.

NEW JERSEY, 1884.

M. E. Companion Archibald J. Wark, Grand High Priest, opened the twenty-eighth Annual Convocation at Trenton, September 10th. There were also present the Grand Officers, the representatives of twenty-five of the thirty-six Subordinate Chapters on the rolls and of seventeen Grand Chapters, Companion John Woolverton appearing for Pennsylvania.

The address is short and eminently business like. It deals in no sentiment and contains nothing of general interest.

The only thing in the proceedings which calls for special mention is one which will evoke universal sympathy and is as follows :

“The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, through their Chairman, Companion George B. Edwards, presented that portion of their report that had been written, and requested further time to enable the Chairman to finish it, owing to his prolonged indisposition.”

At the end of the proceedings we find this:

“NOTE—The unusual delay in printing the proceedings is owing to the continued sickness of the Grand Secretary, who is only, at this late day, able to prepare the copy. The present state of his health will not admit of his writing the remainder of the Correspondence Report, even should a further delay be warranted.

“JERSEY CITY, April 27th, 1885.”

The fragment of report on Foreign Correspondence covers 42 pages and is written in the usual pleasant but forcible style for which its author is distinguished. We make the following quotation as a fair sample of the whole—it is from his review of Kentucky :

“The Council degrees were covered back to their former possessors, and the constitution of the Council was so amended as to allow of the

conferring of the degrees in subordinate Councils upon Companions who had been previously elected to receive them, for a sum not less than \$1 for a limited period.

“As a portion of the Masonic fabric, it is cheap as muslin at five cents a yard, and would make a garment wherein a Mason could wrap himself, at less cost, considerably, than is generally current in the market. A Masonic dress of the pieces forming an additional change of character when worn, and for the small sum of \$1! If the claim holds that the degrees of Royal and Select Masters are not only beautiful and instructive, but have also the merit of historical sequence and consanguinity to recommend them, and are to be had for so small a consideration in Kentucky, while here, hundreds of Masons are entering into mere side-shows in comparison, having no claim to being even a part of the system, at a cost of \$20 a degree, it demonstrates how fashion is innovating the old lines, and novelties presented succeed and command a price, while that which has greater claims is a drug, at a nominal value.”

Henry S. Haines, Burlington, Grand High Priest; George B. Edwards, Jersey City, Grand Secretary; Henry Vehslage, —, Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

NEW YORK, 1885.

The eighty-eighth Annual Convocation was opened at Albany, February 3d, by M. E. Companion James E. Morrison, Grand High Priest. All the Grand Officers were present except the Grand Treasurer, Companion John S. Dickerman, who but ten days before had been summoned to his eternal rest. Of the one hundred and ninety-one Subordinate Chapters on the rolls, all but eight were represented, and the representatives of nineteen Grand Chapters responded.

The Most Excellent after a brief retrospect of the eighty-seven years of his Grand Chapter, discourses as follows:

“And yet the humanity of that day long ago is the humanity of to-day; that which made a man a *man* has not changed or improved one

whit. Brotherly love, relief, and truth were the tenets of the Craft then as now. Fortitude in adversity, prudence in affairs, temperance in all things, and justice to all men, were the illustrative virtues of men's entrance to the Fraternity as well then as now. The promptings of a desire for knowledge and a sincere wish of being serviceable to fellow men, led men to seek initiation in the days when this Grand Chapter had its beginning, as they do to-day. The same respect for the good and true, that came down from age to age, was as distinctive a characteristic of the Craft in 1798 as it is in 1885. Faith in God, hope of immortality, charity for all mankind—these steps in the mystic ladder—the earnest Mason mounts to-day as did the Mason of that time. The winding stairway, with its steps, three, five and seven, taught craftsmen when this Chapter was formed the lesson of human progress, which Masonry of to-day, through all its grades, endeavors to impress upon all those who enter its portals. They learned, as the Mason of this generation learns, that at the start of a life-work, just after passing the porch which separates irresponsible childhood from active, thinking manhood, the young man finds at the first advance that his pathway is to be one of difficulty and danger, and that if he would accomplish anything he must, at the very outset, be obedient to law, respect order, and is bound to uphold and sustain government. Then, having learned "to subdue himself," he is prepared for the weightier concerns of life. From early manhood to the full maturity of his powers, he engages himself in the stern struggle to build the edifice of his fortunes. And if, at the outset, he has learned well the lesson of the three steps, amid all discouragements, with senses keen, he will hear the word of encouragement from those who have climbed higher; he will see the sign of progress assured; he will feel the grasp of brotherly hands even in the darkest moments of gloom; and the accomplished work will show something of the wisdom of the Doric, the strength of the Ionic, and the beautiful proportions of the Corinthian column. And so, on and on, in that day long ago, our brothers ascended the symbolic steps, finding at each succeeding step new light upon the progressive way. Art and science, by their simple emblems, were presented to them, and with them the lesson that they, too, with the experiences of life in full measure obtained, should in their turn become educators of their fellow men. In the craft life they had insight, too, into the story of still further progression which the Master's degree unfolds to the "sons of light." In the legend of the master-builder, and in the circumstances of his untimely taking-off, the dependence of the best human energy upon a power beyond itself was manifested to them. Manliness, fortitude, faithfulness even unto death in a righteous cause, were exemplified before them; and the end of all—the sublimity of man's progression was accepted, by "hearts prepared" and by minds imbued with noble thoughts, even man's resurrection from death, and the human soul destined to go from strength to strength, through stages of progression "world without end."

"They who gathered in this goodly city of Albany, at the first Convocation of our Grand Chapter, had learned, too, that the glory of the rebuilt temple was greater than the glory of the former, and that in that place God brought peace.

"So, Companions, looking back upon the past and forward to the future, we rejoice to-day that we have held fast to the strong guiding principles of our Masonic fathers. Let it be our best endeavor to hand over the noble trust unimpaired to those who shall come after us."

Several pages of the address are devoted to fraternal mention of the dead of that and other jurisdictions.

A petition for a dispensation for a new Chapter had been received, but the petitioners were unable to obtain the consent of the nearest Chapter because it had not met for more than a year and the Most Excellent was reluctantly forced to deny the petition.

On this state of affairs he remarks :

"When the nominal existence of a Masonic body works only a negative injury to the Craft, from its failure to do Masonic work, but does not stand in the way of the welfare and progress of the institution, action in reference to such a body may be reasonably deferred in the hope that interest may be re-awakened and healthful vigor renewed. But when, as in the case of NAPLES CHAPTER, the enfeebled condition of a Masonic body renders it not only useless in itself, but a positive obstruction in the way of zealous Masons, who are able and willing to do "good work and square work," the point is reached when the Grand Chapter should take summary action to cure the evil. I recommend, therefore, that the Grand Secretary be directed forthwith to prefer charges against NAPLES CHAPTER "for neglecting to meet for one year or more."

A dispensation for a new Chapter at Tonawanda, Erie County, was granted.

Among the decisions reported are the following :

"4. Has a brother the right to be present at the conferring of the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter, who is not a Royal Arch Mason, but who has received the Past Master's degree in Pennsylvania?"

My answer was :

"No. The Past Master's degree is under the control of the Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania, and is there conferred in pursuance of a District

Deputy Grand Master's dispensation. No one who has not received the Past Master's degree under the auspices of a Royal Arch Chapter, can be permitted to be present in a Past Master's Lodge, opened under a Royal Arch warrant, in the State of New York."

5. Comp. NAST also asked a decision of the following question:

"A brother petitioned a Royal Arch Chapter, and was rejected. He learns since, that his residence is not within the territorial jurisdiction of that Chapter. Has the Chapter a lawful right to hold personal jurisdiction over such a brother?"

I decided:

"That if a Chapter rejects the application of a brother, who at the time is not within its territorial jurisdiction, the action is a nullity, so far as a brother's right to make application and be accepted in a Chapter having jurisdiction over him because of residence is concerned. No personal jurisdiction is acquired in such a case by the rejecting body."

At first we were of the opinion that No. 4 was wrong, but further reflection has satisfied us that it is right, as the Pennsylvania Past Master Mason has no right to be present at any meeting held under the authority of a Royal Arch warrant. Although the phraseology of the decision is very broad, we do not understand the Most Excellent to go so far as to say that a Pennsylvania Royal Arch Mason could not be present.

No. 5 does not meet our approval, for the petitioner applied voluntarily and is bound by his own act.

All of the decisions were approved. A warrant was granted to the Chapter at Tonawanda. The so-called Grand Chapter of Portugal was denied recognition.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence (81 pp.) is signed Darius A. Ogden, John B. Harris, John J. Gorman, Committee, from which we are to infer that it is a joint production. How many Grand Chapters are reviewed we do not know, there being no list as is the general custom. Our Grand Chapter is fraternally noticed.

Under Kansas, in speaking of the Report on Foreign Correspondence of Companion John H. Brown, we find the following:

“He gives to the writer of this report, over-praise, and has our thanks for his kindly notice, and also for his good feeling toward the maimed and crippled of the Craft, who in misfortune, ask for and seek ‘more light in Masonry.’ Has it never occurred to our learned ones, that in Capitular Masonry the rigid rules and landmarks that obtain in Symbolic Masonry do not necessarily control the Capitular degrees? and the organisations of the Chapters, Councils and Commanderries are of more modern origin, and are governed by more liberal rules—if, indeed, they are at all under the control of the ‘ancient landmarks’ and rigid regulations which govern the Blue Lodges, and have ‘from time immemorial.’ We cannot forget ‘that time’s onward flight has given us more light.’”

And why do not the “rigid rules and landmarks” of Symbolic Masonry necessarily control the Capitular degrees? Whilst it is true that the Chapter as a distinct organization is of more modern origin than the Blue Lodge, it must not be forgotten that the Royal Arch degree is very much older than the Chapter, and that in all probability Craft Masonry was drawn on for the essentials of that degree. If this be the case, is it fair to take those essentials without recognizing and respecting the law of their being?

Under Missouri a quotation is made from the address of the Most Excellent showing the great progress made in the jurisdiction since the organization of the Grand Chapter, and then the writer gives rein to the American soul within him in these inspiring words:

“Well, this is good; grand and wonderful has been the progress of this great republican empire of liberty on this western hemisphere, this great unknown land, this dark and uninhabited continent four hundred years ago. And if the near past has been so fruitful, what shall the near and remote future be? Who can prognosticate, who forecast? Its capabilities are equal to all the world beside, and its possibilities no man can tell. We may confidently hope, and with almost certainty predict, a greatness in the coming time which no other people ever knew—which neither grand old Greece nor Rome ever dreamed could be—for the whole grand picture of our future is to be luminous with light and intelligence in all its parts, and everywhere, from the Northern lakes to the gulfs and rivers on the South, and all the intervening space of two thousand miles and more, from the stormy Atlantic to the milder, but broader, Pacific. Unlike the older empires, we have the great uplifting, conservative forces of Christianity and universal free schools, together

with the powerful influence of Freemasonry, which, with its social, fraternal and benevolent teaching, permeates all sections and forms a factor for good everywhere. And here we pause, to say, don't say 'the magnificent Empire of Missouri,' but rather this, 'one in common with many other magnificent empires, bound together by constitutional guarantees and forces which, thus cemented and united, forms the grand, proud, and mighty Republic of the United States of America.' "

The report as a whole is fraternal and able, and contains much that commands our hearty approval but which time will not permit us to specially refer to.

James E. Morrison, New York, Grand High Priest; Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The thirty-seventh Annual Convocation convened at Tarboro, May 19th, and was opened in solemn form by M. E. Companion George W. Blount, Grand High Priest. Seven of the seventeen Chapters on the rolls were represented. We notice that the highest numbered Chapter is 49 showing that thirty two Chapters, or nearly two-thirds of those organized in the State, have ceased to exist.

From the annual address we quote the following :

"The convocation of the Grand Chapter in this place was deemed by our Companions at the last session most fit, and the selection of Tarboro, the home of Concord Chapter, No. 5, most appropriate, as having been the home of some of the original founders of this Grand Chapter. Being one of the parent organizations, now feeble, almost gone out, its numbers having been reduced below the mystic nine forbidding the assembling together and working as such, makes it the object of solicitude to its younger and more vigorous sisters. We should feel it a high and holy work to endeavor by our presence, counsel and words of cheer to stay the tottering step, to hold up the drooping hands, and point its remaining members to richer fields and brighter promise in the near future. Concord Chapter, with the rich legacy of her past history, the example of her sons gone before—her HUNTER, her LLOYDS, her CLARK, honored by the fraternity and by the State, her JENKENS, her COTTONS, and hosts of others whose names are stars in the galaxy of Masonry, holds a ten-

der place in the affections of the Grand Chapter. To encourage her, to aid her, to put her again on her feet in the path of progress is a high and holy duty which we feel is partly our mission here to-day.

"The convention which organized the Grand Chapter convened in Fayetteville on the 21st of June 1822, was composed of delegates from six regularly chartered Royal Arch Chapters, and Concord Chapter, No. 5, was represented by BENJAMIN B. HUNTER. It may be of interest to state that the second Grand Convocation was held in Tarboro June, 1824, as was also the fourth, in June, 1826, when BENJAMIN B. HUNTER, who was the Grand King, presided as Grand High Priest, and at that meeting SIMMONS J. BAKER was elected Grand High Priest. It is a matter of interest to look over the annals of the past and to feel that the hearts of our departed Companions, our fathers and friends, were enlisted in the same cause, inspired by the same feelings, buoyed by the same hopes and actuated by the same principles which we have to-day; and that the actors in the scenes of the infancy of this Grand Chapter are represented in the families now living amongst us. At that Grand Convocation it was resolved 'that it would more fully promote the advancement of *Royal Arch Masonry* in the State and the welfare of Masonry in general that the Grand Chapter should be located in some town,' and accordingly a convention was called to so alter the constitution, and the Grand Chapter was located in Wilmington, and it is probable the organization ceased about the year 1830, or at least no record exists of any continued existence after that year. The Legislature incorporated the Grand Chapter in 1829. On the 28th of June, 1847, it was reorganized in Wilmington, since which time it has had continued existence through many vicissitudes and arduous struggles, and this the 37th Annual Grand Convocation finds us still harrassed by fears, impeded by difficulties and beset by anxious cares, but we take courage, looking to our GREAT High Priest for guidance and deliverance.

"The year just past has been one showing but little fruit, there has been much depression of spirit pervading the hearts of some of our best workers and most ardent supporters. Yet there has not been entire drought; some fields are yet green and life is in the old land yet. Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 27, has had quite a season of refreshing, the number of its members much enlarged, a good deal of dead limbs cut off, and our young men are coming to the front with zeal and learning the work and law of the Order, and some other Chapters have been prospering. I now hope that we are tiding over the gulf of decline, which my sanguine spirit has always led me to believe was only transient, caused in large measure by the rapid growth of many secret organizations which offer rewards of various kinds to its members, a practice which is alike abhorrent to the genius of Masonry and true Masonic charity."

The condition of Capitular Masonry in North Carolina is by no means encouraging, and engaged the best thoughts of the Grand High Priest and Grand Chapter. The former struck one nail square on the head, when he said that the want of ritualistic knowledge of the Companions had much to do with the

decadence which has been going on in the jurisdiction for some time. On this subject, a special Committee to whom it had been referred, made a report from which we quote the following excellent observations :

“Sickness, or disability in many forms, may rob the Chapter of one or many of its officers; business engagements and the vicissitudes of life may, at any moment, deprive the Chapter of the attendance of its officers at its sessions. If, in such contingencies, the officers alone know the work, the Chapter is in a pitiable condition. The members shrink even from attending the meetings, conscious of their ignorance and ashamed to betray it. The doors remain closed, no accessions are made, the light grows dim and illumines no masonic virtue, and the ashes of sacrifice are cold and dead upon the altar.

“The true way of spreading light is for each one to seek it for himself. Our obligations are personal and must be discharged each for himself and not vicariously. No one can obey unless he understands the order given. No one can be intelligently reprovèd unless he knows what wrong he is warned from committing. Directly, and by necessary implication, each member pledges himself by his obligations to know his duties and to perform them. Upon him rests the burden of compliance with his engagements, and he may not wait for another to do his work. Each member should learn all his duties and wherein he is not informed he should seek for himself and find what he seeks. If it cause trouble, or inconvenience, or a little expense, these burdens are incident to all acquirements of every kind and must be borne as they are borne at the requirement of every duty.

“Primarily the expense of teaching must be borne by the scholar. Each member should expect to pay for his teaching. Were this realized as a duty, there would be no attempt at evasion, and the voice of the teacher would be more frequently heard.

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“The teachers are ready and willing, but they cannot undertake the work at their own charge. They must be clothed and fed. How shall the charge be met? Shall the Grand Chapter send them or shall the Subordinate Chapters call them? Without doubt the latter is the true way. The Grand Chapter has little to spare from its necessary wants. Each Chapter is richer than the Grand Chapter and it is better equipped for the work. It is a duty primarily resting on each Chapter and on the members of each one, and it is wise that the burden should be to him to whom it belongs.

“If any chapter is too feeble, after effort, to engage a teacher, then the Grand Chapter may, if in its power, extend the hand of aid. How this may most judiciously be done we leave to the wisdom of this body, not deeming it proper to go further than to suggest a remedial measure.”

The following report was adopted:

“The Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Secretary’s report as relates to delinquent Chapters,

recommend that, upon the payment of the dues owing by said Chapters, they be allowed to resume work under the special dispensation of the Grand High Priest.

“The committee further recommend that the Grand High Priest be authorized to restore the charter to any Chapter that may certify to him its inability to pay any dues for which it may be in arrears previous to and including the year ending April 30th, 1883.”

It is to be hoped that this liberal offer will induce the companions throughout the jurisdiction to make a renewed effort to rise superior to their present ill fortune and to take a new and determined step forward. The Royal Arch should be maintained and can be maintained if the companions but resolve that it shall be done. Let them employ their instructors, pay a little money, devote a little time, make some personal sacrifices if necessary, learn the work and how to do it, rehearse it often whether candidates are many or few, and prosperity will be achieved.

Among the Representatives of other Grand Chapters present and recognized was ours, Companion Donald G. Bain, the Grand Secretary.

A committee of three, on the subject of work, was appointed with instruction to report at the next Annual Convocation.

In a report of forty-four pages, Companion James Southgate has something to say about forty Grand jurisdictions. We can easily understand why the report is so brief, but it is difficult to comprehend how he managed to crowd so much into so little, unless he has been a life-long student of the science of economy. Besides quoting from addresses and reports and giving the important decisions and leading matters of business transacted, he succeeds in introducing his own opinions on the several subjects as he goes along. Pennsylvania for 1884 is pleasantly but quite briefly noticed.

George W. Blount, Wilson, Grand High Priest; Donald W. Bain, Raleigh, Grand Secretary. We cannot discover that the Committee on Correspondence has yet been appointed, but we presume it has, and that Companion James Southgate, Durham, continues Chairman.

OHIO, 1884.

The sixty-eighth Annual Convocation convened at Tiffin September 16, and was opened by M. E. Companion John W. Chamberlin Grand High Priest.

The annual address is a thoroughly business paper, and being devoted exclusively to the affairs of the jurisdiction affords no opportunity for quotations. It is the work of a practical man who finds enough of actual affairs to discuss without resorting to mere sentiment to pad out his address.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a handsome balance of \$4879.49 on hand, while the report of the Grand Secretary informs us that there has been a gain of four hundred and forty Royal Arch Masons during the year.

Amid the salutations of the representatives of other Grand Chapters, Companion R. C. Lemmon, who represents the Grand Chapter of Quebec, presented a lengthy but interesting paper in relation to the difficulty between Quebec and the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales.

The following amendment to the Rules and Regulations for the government of subordinate Chapters was adopted (*italics not ours*,) viz:

“IV. The Subordinate Chapters shall have authority to assess such dues upon their members, from time to time, as they shall deem just and expedient; and the by-laws of each Chapter shall designate the amount of dues so assessed, and the time for the payment thereof, which shall be considered sufficient notice to each member. And it is hereby made the imperative duty of the High Priest to cause the secretary to enter suspended every member who shall be in arrears *for six months after the time fixed for the payment*, and if his dues are not paid within *three months*

thereafter he may be expelled; and in default of such payment, charges shall be preferred against such delinquent member, and proceedings had in accordance with the provisions of section thirty-five of the Rules and Regulations for the government of Subordinate Chapters."

We do not think that the effect of this amendment could have been duly considered, and we prophesy that it will either be speedily repealed or so charitably construed as to amount to the same thing. It means, however, that members shall have no notice as to the condition of their accounts, and when their dues are six months in arrears the High Priest *must* direct them to be entered as suspended, and at the end of three months more, charges *shall* be preferred against them, upon which they may be expelled. We do not recollect of ever having seen or heard of in the Fraternity so arbitrary a law. It admits of no protection whatever against mistakes in the Secretary's accounts; but "suspended" must be entered against the name of a member whether he owes a nickel or not if the Secretary says so. It admits of no indulgence to one who may be temporarily unable to pay his dues—he must stand suspended; and in both these instances the unfortunate member may know nothing of the position in which he stands until he is called upon to answer the charges preferred against him, upon which he may be expelled, for there is no provision for condoning his offence by the payment of his arrearages after the charges shall have been preferred. We submit to our companions in Ohio whether it would not be well to consider this subject a little more carefully.

The other business was of a local and unimportant character.

In the list of Grand Chapters, on page 75, we find that John Thompson (with a p at that) is recorded as Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania. That was true several years ago, barring the mistake in the orthography of the name, but it is not so now. We fraternally request Grand Secretary Nesbitt to change it to Charles E. Meyer.

We also observe that while Pennsylvania has a representative near the Grand Chapter of Ohio, the latter has none near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Companion J. Kelly O'Neill. It is by no means complete, embracing only eighteen Grand Bodies, but what there is of it is ample in quality. We will first quote from the conclusion, to show how cleverly the distinguished reviewer got out of his dilemma :

"Our report for this year, commenced strictly on the abstract plan, had progressed this far only, when private interests imperatively demanded that our time and attention should be devoted to other matters, and having delayed the publication of the proceedings with the hope of being able to complete our task, until the demands of the printer for copy could no longer be disregarded, we have determined to submit a mere fragment, practicing the lesson contained in the first Masonic charge received, that while attention to Masonic duties is desirable, we should on that account in no way neglect our daily avocations."

The Grand Z. of Canada having decided that an objection to the advancement of a candidate can not be entertained without cause, Companion O'Neill remarks:

"We dissent. The Ohio rule sustains us and we think rightfully. Masonry is strong enough to refuse to admit or advance any candidate between whom and any member perfect harmony and good fellowship can not or does not prevail, and it should be sufficient that the fraternal feeling is absent, even if the particular reasons are not, and even can not be given. The inability to give a reason—make specific charges—does not produce friendly feeling or create harmony."

This is a matter which depends upon the local law. The Grand Z. settled the Canada law, and while it is correct there it would be altogether wrong in Ohio, and the same thing may be said of the Ohio law; it is good there but would be very bad in Canada, and, as we pass along, we may as well say, in Pennsylvania too. It is not a question as to the strength of Masonry, but rather as to its justice. The stronger an institution is the stronger is its duty to do right, and when a Lodge or Chapter has once admitted a man it is in duty bound to protect him in his rights. It is not a question of degrees or rank. The unsupported and unexplained "I object" of one of many degrees should not be a barrier against the advancement of one of but a

single degree. The inability to give a reason may not produce friendly feeling or create harmony, but it shows the objector to be an unreasonable man and altogether out of place in the Masonic family. The man who is unable to give a reason has, in point of fact, no reason at all, and the Ohio law puts it in his power to do a wrong not only to a brother, but to the Chapter. But we did not intend to discuss this subject, only to point out that the decision of the Grand Z. is correct law in Canada and that it is sustained by that of Pennsylvania, which we are safe in saying is the oldest on the American continent.

The subject is resumed under the District of Columbia, and we are informed that under the Ohio law a separate ballot is taken for each degree, and, as we infer, the ballot must be unanimously in favor of the applicant. We have no doubt that in this Companion O'Neill is correct, but he is in error when he says: "The right to object has been *universally* recognized in the United States," for the rule in Pennsylvania has been, a unanimous vote to enter, a majority to advance. On page 188 he quotes Companion Edwards, of New Jersey, as differing from him as to the right of a member to object after ballot to the initiation or advancement of a candidate, so we presume the right to object is not recognized in that jurisdiction.

Pennsylvania is, unfortunately, not mentioned in this report.

John W. Chamberlin, Tiffin, Grand High Priest; James Nesbitt, Troy, Grand Secretary; J. Kelly O'Neill, Lebanon, Chairman Correspondence Committee.

OREGON, 1885.

The twenty-fifth Annual Convocation was opened by Most Excellent Companion Ferdinand F. Shurtleff, Grand High Priest, at Portland, June 8th. The Grand Officers, four Past Grand High Priests, representatives of sixteen Grand Chapters, including Pennsylvania, and of sixteen out of the nineteen Subordinate Chapters were present.

The Most Excellent reports that peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction. He had presented to Companion Thomas F. McPatton, who for thirteen years wrote the reports of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and who was on the eve of his departure for Japan to enter upon the consular duties to which he had been appointed by the President, the Past High Priest's Jewel which had been voted by the Grand Chapter at the previous Convocation. The written reply of Companion McPatton, couched in graceful and grateful language, was submitted.

A dispensation for a new Chapter at Ashland, Jackson County, to be called Siskiyou was issued, and the Grand Chapter granted a charter.

Of the decisions made during the year but one is reported. It is as follows :

Question. At the December convocation of the Chapter a petition for the degrees was read and referred to a committee for report. At the January convocation it was discovered that the petition was defective in this, that it did not state 'whether he had been rejected in any other Chapter,' as laid down in standing by-laws, adopted by the M. E. Grand Chapter at its sixteenth annual convocation. As High Priest, I refused to allow the report of the committee to be read, or the candidate balloted for.

"What course must be taken to get the petition properly before the Chapter? Should the candidate remedy the defective petition, or should he petition anew and the old petition be returned to him?"

"Again, should he decline or refuse to remedy the defect in the old petition, or make it anew, what course had better be taken in the matter? Should the petition be ruled out, or a ballot be taken on it?

"I answered as follows: 'It is my opinion, and decision, that the omission mentioned did not affect the legality of the petition, the Chapter having accepted it, as it was, and the proper committee, after investigation, offering its report, it was your duty to allow the report to be acted upon by your Chapter, and to order the ballot spread.'

We regard this decision as of sufficient importance to justify us in saying that we cannot assent to it. The clause omitted is a very essential one, and being required by law the petition was incomplete. The fact that the Chapter received the petition did not conclude it; it simply shows that the Secretary was guilty of a gross error in presenting the petition. All errors capable of correction should be corrected as soon as possible after discovery, and it is a worse error to perpetuate them. The petition should have been returned to the applicant either for correction or to have a new one conforming to the law presented. We are sorry to say that the decision was approved by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter is in a very healthy financial condition. The balance of \$1,546.15 at the beginning of the year swelled to \$1,742.17 at the close.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made a report, which was approved, in which they say that an objection to a candidate continues in force until removed by the objector, or expires by the death; dismissal or removal from the jurisdiction of the objecting companion, and that when the objection has been withdrawn or has expired a re-ballot is not necessary. This we presume is under some local law, but if it is, and the objection should not be withdrawn or expire for ten, twenty or thirty years we would urge a change in the law so as to require a re-ballot.

An amendment to the Constitution was adopted fixing the Grand Chapter dues at fifty cents for each member, which we suppose is a reduction.

Companion Robert W. Hill presented the report on Foreign Correspondence in which are reviewed the proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Chapters. It is an excellent and elaborate work filling one hundred and forty-one pages of the pamphlet. Of course we don't pretend to agree with him in all his views, for we only got as far as Colorado when we found that he is an earnest advocate of the admission of any one who has a "heart and intellect" of the standard quality, however he may be deformed or crippled physically. In discussing this question under Maine, he says among other things as follows :

"We have altogether too much regard for our so-called antiquities, and sometimes too little for those things which give Masonry a hold on men of worth and ability. We should suffer very little loss if many of the regulations were modified, and the things which are foreign to the spirit of the present age were altogether eliminated."

We quote this because it shows the tendency of those who struggle for innovations. They work themselves into the belief that there is something in the "spirit of the present age" that is at enmity with the rich inheritance which we have received from our Masonic ancestors. And so there is. The "spirit of the present age" is the foe of the Institution, and if we yield to it to-day, our successors must yield to it in every "present age" until the Institution entirely disappears.

No, dear Companion, we have not too much regard for our antiquities ; on the contrary the best of us have entirely too little. If Freemasonry is to have a future to any considerable extent of time it will be because we are immovably attached to its antiquities, for its age and the things belonging to it that are old lend to it a charm and a strength that will certainly dissolve under the baleful influence of the spirit of any "present age."

Another subject to which he refers again and again is the effect of suspension in the Blue Lodge for non-payment of dues upon membership in the Chapter, in relation to which we will quote one paragraph from his review of Illinois. Following a quotation from Companion Gurney's report, he says :

“Well said! The lodge and the chapter are distinct organizations. There is no reason why the chapter should toady to the lodge, and every reason why it should assert its independence. The chapter must be independent, exercising the full powers of a separate institution, or it will cease to have any special value. The moment the lodge can make Capitular Masonry obey its dictates, that moment it will have practically destroyed its usefulness. The movement which seeks to subordinate the Chapter is pregnant with danger.”

Under Pennsylvania we find the following in regard to the case of Dr. Williams:

“This raises an issue as to the action of the Grand Chapter. How far is it right to carry this exclusion of Dr. Williams? He has legally obtained in an honorable way (for this does not seem to be questioned) all the chapter degrees save the Past Master's, and this he is liable to come in possession of at the annual election in the Blue Lodge of which he is a member. Can he then be excluded because a foreign chapter transgressed the doctrine of limited territorial jurisdiction? Is the brother to be held as blamable for the mistake of the Supreme Chapter of Scotland? No one will contend that the work is not good and true; it is only incomplete. The power of the Grand Chapter to declare permanent exclusion of this brother is questionable, for the moment he comes into possession of the Past Master's degree he will be legally and honestly entitled to the standing of a companion, and as such have rights which we are all bound to respect. For the mistake of the Supreme Chapter, if it be a mistake, he is not responsible. Why, then, should he be made to suffer for it? He was not supposed to be familiar with the unwritten laws governing Capitular Masonry, hence, when the degrees were conferred, knowing the chapter in which he received them to be regular, he could not question its right to accept his application. The question at issue is one to be settled by the chapters, and the same course ought to be followed in the treatment of Doctor Williams which is adopted in receiving other members of the Supreme Chapter's allegiance, as the interference does not put a “bar sinister” upon his standing. The whole affair warns us to be careful in our handling of material which properly belongs to another jurisdiction, and secure such waiver as will prevent all question hereafter.”

Companion Hill evidently does not comprehend our position in the matter. The doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction is quite as much involved as in the controversy between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Mark Lodge of England. It is conceded that the latter has no right to establish Mark Lodges in

Quebec; it probably will be conceded that it has no right to confer the Mark degree upon residents of Quebec while traveling through its jurisdiction. Applying the same principle to this matter it will be easily seen that the Supreme Chapter of Scotland had no right to confer the Chapter degrees upon a resident of this jurisdiction. It is not only questioned but denied that Dr. Williams has "legally" obtained in an honorable way the Chapter degrees.

To the question above, "Can he then be excluded because a foreign chapter transgressed the doctrine of limited territorial jurisdiction?" we answer, yes, upon the same principle and for the same reason that the Grand Chapter of Oregon has excluded the Mark Master Masons made in Quebec by authority of the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

It is contended that the work is neither good nor true, for where there is no lawful power in a particular case the work is simply void. The ritual used on the occasion was no doubt legitimate, but when put to an unlawful use the result cannot properly be said to be good and true work.

We have probably said enough to state generally our position on this question and we will simply add that should a brother residing in the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Oregon receive the Chapter degrees in this State while here on a visit, the Grand High Priest will, on receiving proper evidence of the facts, issue his edict striking the Companion's name from the rolls of Royal Arch Masons.

In closing our review of Oregon we submit with commendation what is said in regard to non-affiliates:

"If we cannot hold men to the chapter by making it worthy of the attention of the intelligent and thoughtful, it is evident that something is wrong. How many good men have been driven away by blundering and ignorant officers, can never be known, but this is one great cause for disaffection. When the chapter falls into the hands of such, with no hope of deliverance, most men will stay away, and who can blame them? Life is too short to waste, and men can better employ their time than to

spend it listening to the crudities and absurdly ignorant attempts to teach the meanings of the masonic mysteries. Far better for all concerned that they be allowed to remain at home, or in more congenial society, than to be forced to take part in what to them can be nothing other than a miserable farce. It goes without saying, that the moment we lose our hold on the respect of men of brains and moral power, that moment the mission of the "Royal Craft" is ended. Masonry can never be anything else than a voluntary association of those whose aims are similar, and who are united by a bond of sympathy in cordial co-operation. Remove the voluntary element and at once you destroy the bond of union. It is absurd to talk about compulsory affiliation, for men can not be compelled to affiliate against their will. Let it never be forgotten that a non-affiliate may be as good a Mason as the most zealous stickler for affiliation. Some of the best Masons in the land are at this time unconnected. In every thing which goes to make up a true exemplar of the principles of our Order they are '*facile princeps*.' Circumstances have made them non-affiliates for a time, but, save in this one thing, they are in all respects what the most exacting could require. Shall such as these be branded as many suggest? The attempt to do them a wrong will re-act upon ourselves. We can not afford to do such a thing."

James K. Weatherford, Albany, Grand High Priest; Rockey P. Earhart, Salem, Grand Secretary and Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

QUEBEC, 1885.

The eighth Annual Convocation was held at Montreal, January 27th, and was opened by M. E. Companion H. Luke Robinson, Grand Z. assisted by all the Grand Officers. Nineteen Grand Chapters and ten of the eleven Subordinate Chapters were represented.

The annual address is a well-considered, well-written paper. After a brief word of welcome the following is said:

"Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout the jurisdiction during the past year, and no questions have been submitted to me, either by in-

dividual Companions or by Subordinate Chapters, of sufficient importance to warrant official mention. To the fraternal spirit which actuates the membership of this jurisdiction, and the thorough knowledge which prevails of our written law and of the ancient landmarks, is to be attributed this commendable situation.

“The increase in membership has been sufficiently gratifying. No large additions can, from the nature of our position in this Province, be expected, but the annual increase displays a steady growth that warrants the belief that Royal Arch Masonry is generally appreciated by the Craft, and that its future is unclouded by doubt of the fulfilment of its mission.”

Shawenegam Chapter, No. 11, was constituted at Three Rivers, and we notice that its Z. is Geo. O. Tyler, which somewhat confuses us. We also notice that Mount Horeb, No. 6, Montreal, has a P. Z. named Geo. O. Tyler, and that the Grand Representative of Vermont, is Geo. O. Tyler, of Yamachiche. We notice these facts because we have an esteemed friend in Vermont named Geo. O. Tyler, whom we find participating in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of that State, and we wonder whether he is the same as all these. If so, he certainly is able to make himself very numerous.

Of course the Grand Z. devotes considerable space to the trouble with the Grand Mark Lodge of England, &c., and what is said is in excellent and commendable temper.

On the subject of ritual he observes :

“For many years I have been impressed with the idea that it was a mistake on the part of this Grand Chapter, as well as the mother Grand Chapter of Canada, that in adopting the American curriculum as to the degrees controlled under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter and its Subordinate Chapters, a step further had not been taken and the American ritual as well as titles adopted. We have neither the English nor American system at present, but one peculiarly our own, and which leaves us to some extent isolated. We have taken the American system as to the inclusion of the Mark and Intermediate Degrees with the Royal Arch, retained the English titles and adopted a distinctive work in some degrees identical with the English, and on others the American work. All this leads to embarrassment in fraternal visitations.”

Returns from all the subordinates were received and show a membership of 475, an increase of 27.

Immediately following the record of the presentation of the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, we find this:

"Moved by M. E. Comp. I. H. Stearns, and seconded by R. E. Comp. Edson Fitch, That the hearty thanks of Grand Chapter be, and are hereby tendered to the Committee, and that the report be received and printed with the proceedings. Carried."

Not only thanks, but hearty thanks. Will we ever receive so rich a recompense for our labor? Four years' service in another field brought us no such reward.

The Committee on address of the Grand Z., in their report, which was adopted, among other things recommended as follows:

"With reference to the question of Ritual your Committee think the remarks of the Grand Z. on this subject worthy of consideration and of sufficient importance to be referred to a special committee as suggested, and recommend that the Grand Z. appoint such a committee, to report at next convocation."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence (103 pp.) was presented by Companions A. F. Simpson, Will H. Whyte and J. Massie, Jr., each of the first two reviewing fourteen Grand Chapters, and the latter, twelve. Pennsylvania for 1883 fell to the lot of Companion Whyte, who also reviewed Iowa, under which we find the following:

"Nearly one thousand dollars was divided among the delegates for mileage and per diem; and while referring to this subject let us just remark here that if the money thus spent by the Grand Chapters in the United States, annually, was dispensed to poor and unfortunate members of the fraternity, it would do a vast deal more good. Just think what a trifle is spent by Grand Chapters for relief. Why should not the Grand Chapters unite with the Grand Lodges of each jurisdiction in some common scheme of benevolence? What must outsiders think of that Grand Chapter to the south who with \$22,000 *to its credit* spent the immense sum of *fifty dollars* in charity in *one whole year*. Possibly their constituents are wealthy and they have no unfortunates; if so are there no hos-

pitals or other institutions in the State? Companions, we are afraid that all neglect too often one of the grandest principles of our noble institution. We are too much occupied with other things."

We quote the whole of it, italics and all. We had a sort of an idea that this Grand Chapter was the one at which the above fling was made, and we were sure of it when we came to Pennsylvania and read:

"At the December meeting, the Committee on Finance reported a balance of \$22,001.14. Charity expended during the year *fifty dollars*. This Grand Chapter cannot have many poor and unfortunate brethren in their jurisdiction, but alas, how many are there in other parts of the world."

Seeing this subject twice referred to we felt somewhat humiliated and concluded that we were being lectured by a jurisdiction whose charity is poured out in one vast and constant stream. We turned to the Grand Treasurer's account, and found that while there is a distinctive benevolent fund, the interest on which was thriftily added to the principal, *not one cent* was disbursed in charity. It won't do for the pot to call the kettle black.

The notice of Pennsylvania is otherwise pleasant and fraternal. To the question, "What is the constitutional number of Chapters in this jurisdiction?" we answer, three.

We should like to tarry awhile over this report, but our time has almost expired and we must hurry to a conclusion.

John P. Noyes, Waterloo, Grand Z.; David Seath, Montreal, Grand Scribe, E.; W. H. Whyte, Montreal, Chairman Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence.

VERMONT, 1884.

The sixty-seventh Annual Convocation was opened by Companion Kittredge Haskins, M. E. Grand High Priest, at Burlington on the 13th day of June.

M. E. Companion H. Luke Robinson, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, was present and fraternally welcomed.

A communication was received from Companion Edward S. Dana, P. G. H. P., saying that a protracted illness rendered him unable to be present, and that "I have attended twenty-three consecutive convocations, which is more than has been accomplished by any other person since the Grand Chapter was formed." The Grand Secretary was directed to make suitable reply, expressing the sympathy of the Grand Chapter.

The annual address opens with grateful thanks to Providence for manifold blessings, and then pays reverent duty to the memory of those companions, who, during the year, had finished their course, ending with these words:

"Their frail bodies have been committed to the dust, but the work to which they gave the full measure of their devotion still goes on. The mortal body may be laid aside, but the spirit lives forever, and is but a little way above us. We ourselves are moving after, and faster still, as every chord is loosened that binds us to the earth. Let us, then, cast off sombre thoughts and sable melancholy, and clothe ourselves with the bright radiancy of faith. The time is coming, and no one of us knows how soon, when we, too, shall meet with our Companions for the last time; but may we not hope to meet in a convocation everlasting within the fourth veil of that sanctuary above, where incense of praise and adoration ascend continually to the Grand High Priest of our salvation.

"Hark! hark, my soul; angelic songs are swelling
O'er earth's green fields, and ocean's wave-beat shore;
How sweet the truth those blessed strains are telling
Of that new life where sin shall be no more.' "

Several pages are devoted to the troubles between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, concluding with a recommendation that intercourse with the latter be suspended as long as it continues its invasion of the territory of Quebec, and that the representatives between Vermont and England be directed to return their commissions to the authorities from which they emanated. This recommendation was subsequently adopted.

This subject is evidently very near the hearts of our Vermont Companions, for at the close of the convocation it was resumed by Companion George O. Tyler, and he was followed by Companion Robinson, Grand Z. of Quebec, "in a pleasant speech that brought forth abundant applause."

The proceedings were local.

Companion Frederick Shubael Fisher, whom, to our pleasure and profit, we have met in another field, furnishes an interesting report on correspondence. It is needless to say that it is couched in scholarly language, is full of manly, reverent thought and laden with sound and practical truths. It was written under discouragements, for, because of the weakening of a not over strong treasury, the demon of authority sat at his elbow constantly muttering, in discordant tones, "brevity!" Although it embraces seventy-three pages, it is, of its kind, entirely too brief.

In speaking of the work, he says:

"Uniformity is a myth, we think, and the more we seek it, the more we are ready to say it is not essential."

There is so much of truth in the following that we do not care to say to what extent it expresses our own opinion:

"There is much more of the same kind of reasoning, but this we have taken as a sample, because we think we see in this the cause which has compelled California to make what seems to us the arbitrary law of forced affiliation, and that cause Masonic vagrancy. But there remains

still, we think, an honorable non-affiliation; there are men of the best lives, prosperous men, liberal men, who have lost their zeal in Masonry; other pursuits may fully occupy their time, or (and this is not an imaginary case) they despise the ignorant officers of their Chapters, and think it a waste of time listening to their blunders, having no power to correct them or replace with better men their perpetrators; therefore they retire from a body which has for them no interest and in which they have no influence. And instead of calling such men worthless non-affiliates and vagrants, we honor their actions and stations; it is more noble for any man to retire from an association than to be in it merely a dumb, dead image. Zealous as we are in and for Masonry, we perceive that it cannot suit the habits and feelings of all men. We do not honor Masonry the less for this knowledge, nor should we do dishonor to those men who fail to see what we see, to like what we like. Because they differ from us, they are not consequently beggars and cheats; they may be, and often are, our superiors. We have known such, and, knowing them, give unto them due respect. Therefore, send to the work-house the Masonic tramps, and do not, because of them, make our fraternity a life prison!"

And this, also, upon a subject akin thereto:

"For let it be fully established that our fraternity is no way a voluntary association; that they who have once united with it cannot be separated, save by death,—perhaps not then,—for we hear 'until the last trump shall sound.' Surely, then, the measures taken with those who do not attend the meetings of the Chapters to which they are bound, ought to be severe. Affiliation is of little merit compared with attendance, for every one who has passed the *Veils* might be affiliated, and none attend the Convocation, and then where would be our Mysteries! We do not mean the Annuals, either, those members who come in once a year to outvote the constant Companions, for every true Royal Arch Mason agrees that *their* sentence should be death, but those members we refer to are those who do not attend the regular convocations. We put this question now because as soon as the freedom of non-affiliation is universally abolished, action must be taken on this subject. Imperialism cannot exist with liberty!"

Under Missouri, in reply to the proposition that membership in the Lodge is the foundation of the Masonic Temple, and when the foundation is gone the superstructure is gone also, he says:

"Supposing, to carry out the simile above, that the superstructure is removed, would the foundation then be covered up or the Lodge regard

itself as an uncovered and unprotected cellar? Not any Lodge system with which we are acquainted! This simile of a building of many stories, resting upon a Lodge foundation, is weak and wrong, and is never found in Lodge writings. It is assumption, which the Blue Lodge system despises, calling the Chapter, Council, and Commandery upper stories of a Masonic edifice. No decent cellar would remove foundation stones of the building without notice to the stories above. It would be kind, fraternal, and neighborly, yet Lodges do displease their members, and do not consider it necessary to inform the attic of such action. Our cry is for freedom, liberty, independence in each and all branches of the fraternity. When we are in the attic, do not wish to feel that the cellar may drop out, and when in the basement that the garret may cry out, 'depart ye!'"

Companion Fisher is loyal to the Royal and Select and speaks pointedly upon the subject, as witness this under North Carolina:

"Allowing that the Grand Council of R. and S. M. of North Carolina had a right to give their degrees to another Rite, did they do wisely in giving them to this Grand Body, instead of the Lodge or the Commandery? If they are too weak to hold them themselves, what do they gain by giving them to another Body as weak as their own? And what does the Grand Chapter gain in strength by adding to itself the weakness of another? Weakness joined to weakness is not strength! However near that 'bright future' is, the Grand Chapter, thus far, has not shown itself strong enough nor interested enough to exemplify their own work, and be well represented in grand convocation. Review the record of this convocation, and judge if this body can wisely undertake more degrees than the General Grand Chapter claims! Of forty-eight Chapters once chartered, seventeen are now alive, and of these seventeen eleven were here represented, and of these eleven eight were represented by proxies. Of fourteen Grand Officers seven were present. By no means, then, assume burdens not belonging to you! The ark has its own deposit; less would be wrong, more would be wrong.

"E. Comp. J. S. MACKS presents a full and careful report on Correspondence. He thinks it a mistake that the General Grand Chapter, at its last convocation, did not assume the jurisdiction of the Royal and Select degrees, which is about the coolest proposition we have ever read. If it had done so, would not many of the Grand Chapters have said, 'Out, thief, we will have nothing to do with you, and renounce all allegiance with dishonesty.' Comp. MACKS speaks as a Most Illustrious Grand Master. We speak as a Past Most Illustrious; and while we have not one word to say in urging these degrees on any one, we do protest

against our jewels being given away ; and, as a Capitular Mason, we say that we have degrees enough now in the Chapter, and would be better fitted if we threw overboard the Past Master. Why not, then, Comp. Mutual, of the old North State, advise that a committee of the four principal officers of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge be found to give and take the Past Master degree ! We have said much on this point, but might as well say it all here, and elsewhere try to be silent on this question. The deposit is made."

And this under Iowa :

"And we must take exception, briefly, to the views on the Council degrees, of which our Companion of Iowa says there is not the ability to maintain them. This may be true in his State, but is not true in the East, where they have been maintained for three-quarters of a century. Yet, even, if there is not this ability, what right does that give a Chapter to maintain them. They never came from a Chapter. Apply the same reasoning to the Chapter degrees. This present review of Iowa shows that in many of the Southern States there is no ability to maintain the Chapter degrees. Ought those States, then, to merge them in the Lodge ? That might more properly be done, for they were once given in the Lodge."

But here we must rest. Pennsylvania receives fraternal notice.

1885.

The sixty-eighth Annual Convocation convened at Burlington, June 12th, and was opened by M. E. Companion Kitteredge Haskins, Grand High Priest. Nine Grand and twenty-one subordinate Chapters were represented.

In his address, the Most Excellent alludes very pleasantly to a worthy Companion in these words :

"While rendering thanks unto the Supreme grand Ruler of heaven and earth for temporal blessings vouchsafed, let us not forget to return thanks unto Him for the improved condition of health of our Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest EDWARD S. DANA, who by reason of a serious and painful illness, was prevented, for the first time in many long years

from meeting with us at our last Annual Convocation. I feel to congratulate the members of this Grand Chapter that he is able to be with us again to aid and assist us in our deliberations by his wise and timely counsel, which his long service in behalf of our Royal Craft has so well qualified him to give."

A graceful tribute is paid to the memory of a number of Companions who died during the year. No decisions are reported.

The following is very familiar to us—we met it very many times when we wrote the Correspondence for our Grand Commandery :

"For reasons based on proper grounds, I have during the past year issued several special dispensations, empowering the Chapters applying therefor, to receive and ballot on applications, therein named, at the same convocation. This is a power which your Grand High Priest should seldom exercise, and then, only, after due inquiry and for the best of reasons. Masons desirous of, and contemplating applying for the degrees conferred in the Chapter, have no moral right to wait until some sudden emergency shall arise, which shall make a special dispensation necessary in order that they may have the degrees conferred upon them before a removal or departure from their then, to a new, place of residence."

We had hoped that we would not encounter this style of report in Capitular Masonry. The issuing of such a dispensation is bad enough in itself, but when a Grand High Priest exercises his powers in that direction he lowers the dignity of his office by apologizing for it. We presume that in Vermont he alone is to judge of the sufficiency of the reasons upon which such an act is based; when he does act that ought to be the end of the matter.

The proceedings were devoid of general interest.

The Report on Correspondence (92 pp.) is again by Companion Frederick Shubael Fisher, who reviews, in his usual handsome style, we don't know how many Grand Chapters. It is a good report, sometimes crisp and always fraternal. Under Arkansas, this is about the hardest blow he strikes:

“ A Correspondence had been written, but there was no money to publish it. It was also reported that mileage and per diem must be repealed, or a per capita tax raised. The tax was laid. We have never seen the need of per diem. It is not a feature of our frugal land, yet we have the attendance of the best members, and money to publish correspondences. Lay the tax, abolish the feature of day-laborers, and let us hear from the State which could give an English to the Craft.”

As we have devoted considerable attention to Vermont for 1884 and our time is getting uncomfortably short we must give up further mention of this report, except to say that Pennsylvania for 1884 is included in the review and is very fraternally dealt with.

We are sorry that this is Companion Fisher's last report. Our heart warmed towards him when we first met him in another field, because of the elevating character and purity of his writings. The one thing that reconciles us to his retirement is the re-appearance of the veteran Dana, who takes his place as Chairman.

Kitteredge Haskins, Brattleboro, Grand High Priest; Wm. H. S. Whitcomb, Burlington, Grand Secretary; Edward S. Dana, New Haven, Chairman Correspondence Committee.

WASHINGTON, 1885.

The first Annual Convocation was opened at Tacoma, June 2, by M. E. Companion Lewis Ziegler, Grand High Priest. Representatives were present from all the Chapters in the jurisdiction.

The annual address is one of the longest we have met with during the year, and yet we do not see how it could be much shorter. The establishment of an institution involves considerable thought and labor and both have been given by the Most

Excellent to the work intrusted him. There is no doubt that the Companions of the Grand Chapter placed their interests in the hands of the right man. We quote the following from the exordium :

“The existence of our Grand Chapter as an independent and sovereign body is only eight months, yet in that short space of eight months much hath already been done, much as yet remains for him to do that follows me; and he will meet with ample opportunities and many chances to improve all that I have done and left undone. Yet withal I have this consolation left to me, that I have tried to do my duty honestly, fearlessly and impartially, and wherever I have failed or gone amiss, believe it, my Companions, an error of the head and not of the heart. All beginnings, however small, are difficult and trying, and mistakes and errors are liable to creep upon us unawares, for I assure you, my Companions, that ‘to step aside is human,’ and all things are finally for the best, so will my mistakes and short-comings at least serve as a guide-board and a signal-tower to my successor to warn him against loss and danger.

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“Then, my Companions, one and all, let us try to make our Grand Chapter what we fondly hope for our Commonwealth; a power for the good, an influence for the right and just. Let us try and make Free-Masonry what it should be, the watch-word of civilization and the protector of the innocent and the true; let us masonically keep pace with the growth and prosperity of our country and let the business of the Convocation and of each coming one be conducted with all possible care, laying aside all selfish motives and holding to time-honored principles, guarding against under-mining influences, especially the confounding it with associations of modern growth, however good they may be, whose organic laws are borrowed from us and changed to suit the masses of speculators which, with their mutual benefit clauses they succeed in swelling their ranks to overflowing. In time they will have lived to claim antiquity or have perished with the many that once existed and seemed to have lasting foundations. Yet, for all that, Free-Masonry, with its purity and freedom, lives on and will so continue to live until time shall be no more.”

Very fraternal mention is made of the Companions who, during the year, passed through the valley.

One dispensation was granted permitting the use of a substitute in conferring the Royal Arch degree, and as the laws of the Grand Chapter have no provision on the subject he followed

what he calls the common practice of Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters and required the Chapter applying for the dispensation to pay a fee of five dollars. The purpose for which the dispensation was granted sounds strangely to us.

A communication having been received from a High Priest asking "What are we, as Royal Arch Masons, doing, in allowing members of our Chapters, who openly gamble on Sundays and week-days, to remain members in good standing in our Chapters, and bring odium and disgrace to our Order?" Upon this an edict was issued, which, after quoting from the ancient regulations and charges, and from the laws of several of the Grand Lodges, concluded as follows :

"Now, my dear Companions, from the foregoing, it will appear to every clear and right-minded Mason, that the crime of gambling when indulged in by members of our Chapters, must entail consequences which will prove disastrous and destructive to the welfare and usefulness of our beloved Institution, and to the individual Mason who is held within the folds of this monstrous vice. Indeed, my beloved Companions, the vice of gambling, unlike any other vice, is of all vices most dangerous and baneful to integrity, honor, morality and true manhood. It fastens itself upon the victim like a boa constrictor and never loosens its hold until the last drop of honor, truth and manhood is extracted from every fibre of the poor victim, even to the marrow, leaving him cold and desolate and destitute forever. The murderer, the thief and the drunkard have hours of regret and remorse. The gambler hath none. All the finer sensibilities of human nature become extinguished, and truth, that mighty incentive of the Royal Arch Mason, flies before the moral corpse of the hardened gambler as the dove sweeps before the ravenous hawk. The hardened gambler hath but these faculties left him, deception, fraud, and willful falsehood. He knows no friendship, and the blessings of wife and child have no more charms for him. He becomes a deceiver and defrauder of his best friends and a sordid liar to his household.

"In view of the foregoing, therefore, I, LOUIS ZIEGLER, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Washington Territory, by the power in me vested by the constitution of our Grand Chapter and the laws of Masonry, do hereby declare and decide that the practice of gambling, or keeping of gambling houses or tables, is a violation of the laws of the land as well as that of moral and Masonic principles, and any Companion Royal Arch Mason who so far forgets his O. B. as to be guilty of the aforesaid crime shall be admonished to desist from further violation.

But if he neglects or refuses to heed and continues to violate as aforesaid, he shall be put upon trial and if found guilty he shall be suspended or expelled as the merits of the case may demand. And I hereby call and enjoin upon the High Priests of the several Subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction to see that this edict and decision is carried into full effect."

Amen and amen! Well done, good and faithful servant.

Under the head of "foreign relations" we have a very singular case. In exchanging representatives with the different Grand Chapters, the Grand High Priest of Michigan named a Companion of that jurisdiction for the appointment as representative of the Grand Chapter of Washington, but after the commission had been received he wrote to Grand High Priest Ziegler stating that he had overlooked the fact that the Grand Chapter of Michigan had never adopted the system of Grand representatives, and that he could not appoint a representative of his Grand Chapter near that of Washington. The letter further said that while the Companion commissioned for Washington "will not use the commission sent him, he would be pleased to retain it, as a memorial of the fraternal feelings existing between our Grand Chapters."

To this Companion Ziegler made a lengthy, but at the same time spirited but fraternal reply, pointing out the real purpose and character of the commission and that it cannot be used "to gratify desires of personal courtesies" between Grand High Priests and their personal friends. He concluded as follows:

"Therefore in view of the foregoing facts, I am forced to request of you the return of our commission, now in the hands of E. Companion—until such a time as our sister Grand Chapter of Michigan sees proper to enter with us into closer relations by exchanging Grand Representatives; at which we will only be too happy to renew our commission to Companion—or any other Companion whom she may designate."

We endorse the position of Companion Ziegler, and think that he could not have done anything else. The request of the Michigan Companion was no doubt thoughtlessly made, as he has in all probability discovered by further reflection before this.

A charter was granted to Tacoma Chapter No. 4.

A resolution was adopted requiring all Chapters whose by-laws do not already so provide to change their by-laws so as to provide that the annual election of officers take place on or before St. John's day in December.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, which was adopted :

"Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's address relating to the evil of gambling, do most heartily endorse and approve the high moral position taken by our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, in the edict issued by him in relation thereto; and we do hereby recommend that this Grand Body adopt and affirm the said edict as the cardinal principles of this Grand Chapter."

That Washington is determined not to lag in regard to any moral question will be seen from this :

"*Resolved*, That the traffic in intoxicating liquors is demoralizing in its tendency, and is a Masonic Offense; and, any Companion Royal Arch Mason engaged in such occupation is liable to discipline."

The number of Royal Arch Masons in the jurisdiction is one hundred and fifty.

Companion Ziegler having been elected M. W. Grand Master of Masons, a series of resolutions highly complimentary to him was adopted.

Companion Thomas Melburne Reed, Grand Secretary, submitted a report on Correspondence, in which in 28 pp. he reviews the proceedings of twenty Grand Chapters. It is well constructed, contains well selected quotations and gives his own views on a variety of topics. We are glad to see the report because it shows that our young sister is determined to be a Grand Chapter in fact as well as in name.

Pennsylvania for 1884 receives a very fraternal page and-a-half notice, which is fully our share of the report. He quotes

approvingly from the address of Grand High Priest Hall and gives a few of his decisions. He cannot agree with Companion Hall that the Grand High Priest has power to confer the degrees upon an applicant without a report from a committee and a ballot, and says :

“The *right* is not inherent in the individual, nor is it in the officer, unless by authority of the power creating the office. If this exist, and is thus bestowed, we doubt its expediency. Upon any other ground we deny such right or power.”

We are sorry to find these views, especially after reading what Grand High Priest Ziegler says (and quoted above) about “holding to time-honored principles, guarding against undermining influences, especially confounding it (Freemasonry) with associations of modern growth.” The old ways are the best and we cherish them. If Grand Masters and Grand High Priests are stripped of their ancient prerogatives and reduced to a level with the presiding officers of “associations of modern growth,” Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters will also level down to the associations themselves.

Andrew McCally, Walla Walla, Grand High Priest ; Thomas Melburne Reed, Olympia, Grand Secretary and Committee on Correspondence.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1883-1884.

The pamphlet before us contains the proceedings of the Annual Convocations held at Wheeling, November 12th, 1883, and November 10th, 1884.

The first was opened by M. E. Companion Gustave Brown, Grand High Priest, with ten of the eleven Chapters in the Jurisdiction represented. There were also Representatives present of eleven Grand Chapters,

The annual address of the Grand High Priest is a brief and satisfactory statement of his official acts. Several decisions are reported, his visits to subordinate Chapters recounted and information given of those that he was unable to visit. The result is summed up as follows:

“I regret to say that from the best information I have received, we have some Chapters in this jurisdiction that have a name to live, but in fact they are dead. It seems to me some plan should be adopted to secure official visitation. For instance, appoint District Deputies, make it the duty of the Deputies to visit each Subordinate Chapter in his district at least once a year, and report the condition thereof to the Grand High Priest two weeks before the Annual Grand Convocation. This plan works well in the Blue Lodge, and I can see no good reason why it would not work well in the Chapter.

One new Chapter was organized at Weston, Lewis County, and the Grand Chapter granted a warrant under the name of Bigelow, No. 4, from which it appears that the practice prevails of filling up vacant numbers.

The following amendment to the Constitution failed, for want of a two-thirds vote, twenty-five voting in the affirmative and fifteen in the negative:

“All members of Royal Arch Chapters in this Jurisdiction must be members in good standing of some just and legally constituted Lodge of Master Masons.”

A committee was appointed to formulate an amendment on the same subject that would obviate the objections to the one just quoted. The report of the committee was laid over until 1884, when it was almost unanimously rejected.

The Convocation of 1884 was opened by M. E. Jere A. Miller, Grand High Priest, with Representatives present from eight Grand and a similar number of Subordinate Chapters.

The Most Excellent reports that “on the whole, the Order is in a healthier condition, financially and numerically than one year ago,” and that peace and harmony reign throughout the jurisdiction.

Bigelow Chapter, No. 4, was constituted, and a new Chapter organized at Point Pleasant, Mason County, to be known by the name of the locality.

One of the results of mixing the Council and Chapter degrees is seen in the following:

“On the night appointed to form the above mentioned Chapter under the dispensation, the question arose as to the right of some of the Companions to be present, they not having received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, although Royal Arch Masons. The question was submitted to me, and I decided that the Companions could attend meetings and participate in the organization of the Chapter, but that while they were present there could not be anything done pertaining to the Council Degrees, and that the Companions should obtain the degrees as soon as the Chapter could confer them.”

The dispensation of this Chapter was continued for one year.

Bendel Chapter, No. 7, was declared extinct, having made no returns for two years.

No report on correspondence.

Andrew J. Stone, Fairmont, Grand High Priest; Odel S. Long, Wheeling, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN, 1885.

Companion Edwin J. Farr, M. E. Grand High Priest, opened the thirty-fifth Annual Convocation at Madison, on the 17th of February.

The annual address is an unusually brief paper and contains nothing that we can quote or comment on. Two Chapters were constituted during the year, and a dispensation granted for another to which a charter was voted during the Convocation.

The Grand Lecturer, Companion M. L. Youngs, presented a written report, from which it appears that he did a great deal of patient, if not entirely satisfactory, work during the year, spending from one to three days with each Chapter visited. He is of the opinion that the non-attendance of members is the principal cause of the decay of Chapters, and he says that while the "stronger and, apparently, more flourishing Chapters are doing some work, yet, as a rule, the complaint from nearly all is that it is more difficult to get out a good attendance and to keep up an interest among the members than in any other of the Masonic Bodies." The chief cause of this difficulty, he says, lies in the fact that the Chapter is made by too many a mere stepping-stone to the so-called higher degrees. He then follows with some observations, from which we quote :

"Symbolic Masonry, genuine Masonry, is strictly cosmopolitan, uniting in one common brotherhood men of every country, sect and opinion ; it recognizes no creed or distinctive form of religion, save only a belief in the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and Royal Arch Masonry is but an elaboration of this theme. It is the commentary upon, or the more full elucidation of the ideas for which Symbolic Masonry furnishes the text. Being founded upon the same principles, Royal Arch Masonry was by the old English constitutions recognized as a part of Ancient Craft Masonry. It alone, of all the so-called higher degrees, can justly claim the title of Mason. Certainly, an organization which requires its votaries to subscribe to any religious creed or dogma, or to be the supporters and defenders of any particular religious belief, cannot claim to be Masonic, no matter what other qualifications they may require of their initiates. Their teachings in other respects may be grand and sublime, and their ceremonies impressive, yet ignoring the one distinctive feature of Free Masonry, they should not be looked upon as an integral portion of it."

It would be better not to make this quotation if we were to let it pass without comment. There is a great deal being said now-a-days in regard to what is Masonry. Companion Gurney, of Illinois, for instance, says that the Lodge only is Masonic, while all other so-called Masonic bodies are merely associations of Masons. Companion Youngs goes a step further and adds the Chapter, because, in his opinion, Masonry is strictly cosmopolitan and requires no religious belief except belief in the

Supreme Architect of the Universe. Many others are earnestly of the opinion that the Council, Commandery and Scottish Rite are also Masonic. We do not, however, intend to discuss the question. Our present purpose is to point out the mistake of Companion Youngs when he says that no organization can claim to be Masonic that requires its members to be the supporters and defenders of any religious belief, and to do this we need only remind him that Masonry originally was not cosmopolitan, but was essentially and thoroughly Christian. This fact is indisputable and forces us to the conclusion either that our Companion is in error or that in the beginning Masonry was not Masonry.

We cannot accept Companion Youngs' test as to what is Masonry. We cannot believe that Masonry is limited to teaching God in a general sense, and that we are not permitted to take our Masonry with us into our religious life, and into our companionship with Christ and our fellowship with the Holy Spirit. We are among those who believe that Masonry teaches Christ to-day as much as it did in its origin and before it became cosmopolitan, and that is why we love it as fervently as we do. Of course, the Lodge and Chapter do not enforce such a belief, but it is equally true that neither of them denies to us the right to entertain it.

It is very common to say that very many who do not attend the Chapter meetings make the Chapter a stepping-stone to so-called higher degrees. What of it? If there were no higher degrees such persons would not enter the Chapter at all, and they could not be blamed for non-attendance. Doubtless there are some who seek admission to the Chapter through ambition to wear the Templar uniform ; but it is not safe to say that all such are to be found among the absentees. Indeed we are disposed to go further and say that this commonly believed cause of non-attendance is not the cause at all. Let any one interested in this subject investigate it closely, and we are satisfied that in a majority of instances at least he will find that the Chapter meetings are composed of a larger proportion of those who are

members of the Commandery than of those who are not. Not only that, our experience justifies us in saying that many who are the most active in the Commandery are the most active in the Chapter also.

Some other cause must be found for non-attendance, and we are of the opinion that it lies in the officers. Work must be done well and the meetings must be made interesting if the members are to be expected to attend. Every candidate should be impressed at his initiation if he is to become interested; but if the ritual is repeated by rote, in a sing-song, slipshod manner it is difficult for him to determine whether he is the subject of a poorly played farce or not. But we will not pursue this subject further, and will merely quote with pleasure the conclusion of Companion Youngs' report:

"In most of Chapters visited I have succeeded in awakening a new interest even in the more prosperous ones while in the weaker I have in some instances succeeded in infusing new life and a determination to bring themselves back to the standard formerly occupied by them."

The following amendment to the Constitution was offered:

"No Chapter under this jurisdiction shall confer the Chapter degrees upon any Mason who has not the requisite physical qualifications which will enable him to comply with all the ceremonies of Royal Arch Masonry, and that the aid of artificial appliances in case of misfortune occurring while a Master Mason in good standing, shall not hereafter be considered a physical disqualification."

It was changed and adopted as follows:

"No Chapter under this jurisdiction shall confer the Chapter degrees upon any Mason who cannot comply with the ceremonies of Royal Arch Masonry."

A resolution was offered prohibiting the publication with the proceedings of the portrait of any Grand High Priest or of any other past or present Grand Officer during the life time of such Companion. The General Committee to whom it was referred reported:

"In the opinion of your Committee, such publication should be a distinctive *post mortem* honor, rather than a flattering compliment. We therefore recommend its adoption."

And the report was adopted.

The report on Correspondence is by Companion Wm. C. Swain. It is an excellent paper, discussing tersely and clearly the issues of the day. Pennsylvania is kindly mentioned.

Edwin J. Farr, Eau Claire, Grand High Priest; John W. Laflin, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary; Wm. C. Swain, Milwaukee, Committee on Correspondence.

CONCLUSION.

The writing of this report has given us the first opportunity to read the doings in the realm of Capitular Masonry, and by anxious study and investigation to comprehend the tendency of the times. The almost uninterrupted peace and harmony which prevails everywhere, and the earnest and loving concern for the welfare of Freemasonry which we observe in all directions call forth our thanks to the Giver of Every Good. There are signs in the heavens, however, which raise in our heart anxious doubts for the future. The activity of human thought in the domain of Masonic literature is not always kept under proper control. The desire to be known as the projector of a new idea is ever attended by the danger of being drawn from the old and tried ways, and of building up a system composed of modern ideas and modern materials.

In some jurisdictions we find earnest and influential men engaged in tearing down the landmark in regard to physical perfection. We are told that it is "heart and intellect," not legs and arms that constitute the man, that there are cripple

and dismembered men who are capable of as good masonic work as the most physically perfect man in the Fraternity. Without stopping to admit or dispute this proposition we observe that as the rule as to the physical condition of an applicant was accepted when our speculative system was formulated we have no right now to alter it. Freemasonry is a symbolical system and if we destroy the symbols we will deprive ourselves of the Masonic language in which to instruct the craftsmen. Perfection of human character, perfection in personal life, perfection in knowledge of our duty to God and man, are the principal objects of our Fraternity and of these we have always believed that physical perfection is the unquestionable Masonic symbol. Destroy the symbol and we reduce Freemasonry to a level with the myriad of secret societies which the prolific brain of man has originated within the last fifty years.

We have seen it gravely asserted that we are too much devoted to the antiquities of the Institution, and that the spirit of the present age demands a revision of the old ways. Clearly such a conception results from the desire to startle the Craft with strange and novel ideas. The corner stone of Freemasonry is truth, which never changes. It is the same to-day that it was at the beginning of time and as it will be throughout eternity. It may be old-fashioned to some but it cannot be improved upon. It is and always will be what it has ever been, truth. Our symbolic language embodies this great attribute, and we cannot destroy a symbol or change a form in which it has been expressed from time immemorial, without dimming the clear light which enables us as Masons to comprehend it.

We would have been somewhat startled by the proposition of Companion Gurney, of Illinois, that the Capitular degrees are not Masonic, were it not that indications in his writings for several years past had prepared us for it. But, however prepared we were, we were none the less sorry that one so distinguished and so much loved as we love him should announce such views. Any attempt to tear down alarms us. We ought rather to stand firmly by what we have. In this country at a very early day we accepted the Capitular degrees, and they have

been too long a part of our system to justify any of us in casting discredit upon them. Let us guard and protect them as a part of our Masonic inheritance. Whilst this proposition was carefully considered by the Grand Chapter of Illinois and rejected, the proposition itself shows that there is a disquiet feeling among the Craft, a yearning after something new and strange, a spirit to unsettle what has long been settled, all of which has a tendency to stimulate and direct thought in such wise as to result in mischief and probably disaster. These observations are not intended to be applied to the author of the proposition referred to, nor indeed to any particular Companion. We are dealing solely with the human nature that is within us all and which asserts itself, oftentimes unconsciously, in the manner we have described.

Another sign of the times which we deplore is the opening up of some of our most solemn ceremonies to the gaze of the profane world. Under Massachusetts we have related how the General Grand High Priest of the United States not only constituted and consecrated a Chapter, but also installed its officers before a mixed assembly of Masons and profanes. That was not a solitary example, for we have encountered in other places the public installation of officers. Not only in the Chapter but even in the Lodge this unfortunate innovation is being practised, and an Institution whose genius it is to celebrate its ceremonies and mysteries within tyled doors is made to contribute to the entertainment of a curious public. The natural result of this is to loosen the bond of secrecy which has done so much to hold the Fraternity together as a unit. It begets freedom of expression, not only in speech but in writing. It is by no means rare to find in reports and addresses, words and phrases printed in bold character that should be used only with the greatest caution.

In searching for the cause of this desire to air Masonry before the world we are able to discover none so much responsible for it as the Commandery. Its dazzling banners, its waving plumes and glittering sword have done much to force it before the public that our admiring friends may see how well we look in our Templar Uniform. We make our annual and triennial conclaves

gala days in the different cities and towns in which they are held, and our installations are made occasions when our new Grand Master and Grand Commander may ventilate their oratory for the delectation of the masses. In making these remarks we do not spare our own jurisdiction—the Templars of Pennsylvania are as reprehensible as any in the land, and if it were possible more so, for their Masonic training is at war with such practices. Companions of Pennsylvania, who are Knights Templar, will you not think of these things?

The Grand Chapter of California has been somewhat criticised for having, in 1884, adopted a regulation recognizing as legitimate and genuine the degrees of Masonry and Orders of Knighthood conferred under the authority of certain enumerated Grand Bodies, and declaring it to be a Masonic offense to receive or confer any so-called Masonic degrees or Orders of Knighthood in any assemblage of men except it be held under the authority of the bodies so acknowledged. The principal objection urged against this legislation is that as Royal Arch Masons we can know nothing Masonically of anything outside the Royal Arch. We confess that when a similar law was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts we had some doubt of both its wisdom and propriety, but further reflection has convinced us that the principles involved are many and grave. The objection to which we have referred is not, in our opinion, well founded. Grand Lodges universally recognize and acknowledge the Royal Arch, and Master Masons can Masonically know no more about it than they can know of the degrees and orders conferred by the authority of the Council, Commandery and Scottish Rite. We presume that they will accept the testimony of those whom they Masonically know as Master Masons who have taken those degrees and orders as to their Masonic character, as conclusively as they will accept such testimony as to the Royal Arch.

It becomes a question whether the time has not come when Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters should say that so far as degrees and orders are concerned the Masonic edifice is complete, and that the attempt to make further additions to it shall subject the offender to discipline. The degrees and orders to

which we have referred have been so long and universally recognized and acknowledged as parts of the Masonic system that it would require a revolution to overturn them. They number among their possessors some of the most intelligent and distinguished Masons of every Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter on earth, whose high personal character and standing is alone a sufficient guaranty of the character of the degrees and orders themselves.

But has not a Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter the right to say thus far but no farther? Has it not a right to provide legislation controlling its members as Masons? It is objected that it might as well attempt to prevent its members from joining the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias or any other secret society. This begs the question, for no such thing has been attempted. The idea simply is, you shall not associate yourselves with any other societies than those named claiming to be *Masonic*, and that we believe a Grand Lodge has a clear and perfect right to do—to say that there shall be no further building upon this foundation.

The California and Massachusetts regulations, and we may add that the Grand Commandery of Ohio has for many years had a similar one, recognize the Supreme Councils of the Scottish Rite for the Northern and Southern jurisdictions presided over by Henry L. Palmer and Albert Pike respectively. There are several other so-called Supreme Councils organized since 1880 which claim jurisdiction over the United States. It is further objected that these regulations are intended to extend recognition to the Palmer and Pike Supreme Councils, and prevent the growth of their younger rivals.

This brings us to the gravest of all the questions involved, and one in which Pennsylvania Masons are deeply interested, for they have done more to establish the doctrine of Masonic sovereignty than the Masons of any other jurisdiction. Prior to 1867 and for many years there had been rival Supreme Councils in the North, but in that year a union of all the warring elements took place and every subordinate body of the Rite within the territorial jurisdiction acknowledged the authority of the Supreme

Council as then existing, and has continued unbroken allegiance to this hour. For thirteen years profound peace reigned during which the Palmer and Pike Councils exercised exclusive and unquestioned jurisdiction in their respective territories. In 1880, a few persons utterly disregarding their solemn oaths and without a single honest reason renounced the allegiance they had voluntarily pledged to the Northern Council, set up another, claiming jurisdiction not only over the North, but in violation of the fundamental law of the Rite, over the whole United States, and are traveling over the country conferring what they allege to be the degrees of the Rite for a sum so small that it ought to convince their victims of their worthlessness.

The point we desire to make is that at the union in 1867 whatever Scottish Rite authority then existed in the North became fully vested in the United Supreme Council and habilitated it with exclusive jurisdiction under the Masonic law of sovereignty—it became the legitimate sovereign of the Rite within its territory.

This being the case we need not argue that the so-called Supreme Councils formed in 1880 and since are spurious and illegitimate and should be held under the ban of the whole Masonic world. It is in our opinion not only within the power but the duty of a Grand Lodge or a Grand Chapter to say to its members, you shall not in the name of Masonry abet and assist anything that is spurious and illegitimate. This violation of Masonic sovereignty is not alone an offense against the Scottish Rite, but against every other branch of the Fraternity, for if men will be false to their Masonic oaths in the Scottish Rite we are not aware of any rule of morals that will ensure their fidelity to their obligations to the Lodge or Chapter. The same motive to organize spurious bodies of the Scottish Rite will inevitably lead them or men like them to invade the jurisdiction of Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters and set up spurious bodies in which to confer the Lodge and Chapter degrees for like nominal sums.

It is a maxim of nations, in the time of peace prepare for war. It is not wise to let the enemy get to your door before you begin to prepare to meet him. It is not wise for a Grand Lodge to

say that it will be time enough to act when an attempt is made to set up Lodges within its jurisdiction. The time to meet and settle Masonic perjury, treachery and illegitimacy is at their first appearance; we ought not to wait until they have run down through Scottish Rite, Commandery, Council and Chapter and the spurious have become so powerful as to make a contest doubtful if not hopeless.

We do not desire to pursue this subject further. Our purpose has been to make a suggestion or two to stimulate thought, in the hope that our Pennsylvania brethren will be ready to act when in their judgment the time for action shall come, in such wise that the integrity of the Fraternity may be maintained.

Our object in writing as we have is to do what we can to preserve the integrity of ancient Freemasonry, to assist in maintaining the landmarks of the Fraternity and to discourage the spirit of innovation which some good brethren have unwisely permitted to possess them. We are determined to assist in this work whatever the self denial we may be required to make. If success can be only achieved at the cost of some things which are very dear to us, we are ready to make the sacrifice as soon as we are convinced of the necessity. The perpetuation of ancient Craft Masonry involves the interests of every Freemason, and should the time come when it becomes reasonably certain that it is endangered by the so-called higher degrees and orders, we shall be among the foremost to insist that the peril shall be removed. We have done no little labor in the Scottish Rite and the Order of Knights Templar and have been rewarded in both probably beyond our deserts, but if we could believe that the maintenance of either is prejudicial and dangerous to the safety of ancient Craft Masonry we would immediately withdraw from it, and if possible apply ourself with increased devotion to our earliest and best love.

Whilst we do not think that that time has come or that such a contingency as we have mentioned is likely to occur, we think that it is the part of true wisdom for the Craft at large to consider the question. That some things are not as they should be is beyond doubt, and there cannot be any question as to our duty

to find out if we can how to correct the wrong. We believe that a more anxious inquiry into the genius and spirit of Freemasonry, and a truer conception of the landmark relating to physical qualification will restrain the tendency to disregard the important principle involved, and bring a realization of the fact that submission to modern ideas can only result in the destruction of Freemasonry. The obliteration of what is old in Freemasonry is to obliterate Freemasonry itself. The name only would remain, but even that would not long endure.

We send out these suggestions through an anxious concern for the welfare of the Craft and bespeak for them the fraternal consideration of our brethren and companions. They may not meet with the approval of many but we trust they may command the respect of all. Time does not permit even if the opportunity justified an elaboration of our views. Many other things press in on us for expression but they must wait for another occasion should it ever occur.

We have reached the end of our labor, and in bidding good-bye to one and all we pray that the peace of God which passeth understanding may abide with the Craft forever and forever.

Fraternally submitted,

SAM'L HARPER,

Chairman.

1886.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

OF THE

Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter

OF PENNSYLVANIA.

From 1795 to 1824 the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania, if they were Royal Arch Masons, were *ex-officio* the Grand High Priests. In 1824 the Grand Chapter elected its own officers.

Those marked † are deceased.

- 1795, WILLIAM BALL, G. M.†
- 1796-1797, WILLIAM MOORE SMITH, G. M.†
- 1798-1802, JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH, G. M.†
- 1803-1805, ISRAEL ISRAEL, G. M.†
- 1806-1813, JAMES MILNOR, G. M.†
- 1814, RICHARD TYBOUT, G. M.†
- 1815, SAMUEL F. BRADFORD, G. M.†
- 1816-1817, WALTER KERR, G. M.†
- 1818-1821, BAYSE NEWCOMB, G. M.†
- 1822-1823, JOSIAH RANDALL, G. M.†
- 1824, MICHAEL NISBET.†
- 1825, JOHN STEELE, JR.†
- 1826, TRISTRAM B. FREEMAN.†
- 1827, JOSEPH S. RILEY.†

- 1828-1830, JOHN M. READ.†
 1831-1832, SAMUEL H. PERKINS.†
 1833, ENOS S. GANDY.†
 1834, JOHN Y. BLACK.†
 1835-1839, JOSEPH R. CHANDLER.†
 1840-1841, ALEXANDER DIAMOND.†
 1842-1843, WILLIAM WHITNEY.†
 1844-1845, WILLIAM BARGER.†
 1846, JOHN W. McGRATH.†
 1847, JOHN J. KRIDER.†
 1848, JAMES SIMPSON.†
 1849-1850, DAVID C. SKERRETT, M. D.†
 1851-1852, EDWARD P. LESCURE.†
 1853, ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE, M. D.†
 1854-1855, HARMAN BAUGH.†
 1856, JOHN C. SMITH.†
 1857-1858, DANIEL THOMPSON.†
 1859, BENJAMIN PARKE.†
 1860-1861, HARMAN YERKES.†
 1862-1863, JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON.
 1864-1865, GEORGE W. WOOD.
 1866-1867, SAMUEL C. PERKINS.
 1868-1869, GEORGE GRISCOM.†
 1870-1871, MICHAEL NISBET.
 1872-1873, CHARLES E. MEYER.
 1874-1875, ANDREW ROBENO, JR.†
 1876, GEORGE E. WAGNER.
 1877-1878, ALFRED R. POTTER.†
 1879-1880, WILLIAM C. HAMILTON, M. D.
 1881-1882, HIBBERT P. JOHN.
 1883-1884, AUGUSTUS R. HALL.
 1885-1886, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.

1886.

 REPRESENTATIVES

TO AND FROM

SISTER GRAND CHAPTERS,

 WHOSE CREDENTIALS HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY ACTED
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THOMAS R. PATTON.....	Canada.....	DONALD McPHIE,
DAVID B. TAYLOR.....	District of Columbia.....	
CHARLES E. MEYER.....	Grand Mark Lodge of Eng- land.	WM. J. HUGHAN.
CHARLES E. MEYER.....	Illinois.....	ASA W. BLAKELY.
AUGUSTUS R. HALL.....	Indiana.	SIMEON S. JOHNSON.
CHARLES E. MEYER.....	Iowa	CLARK VARNUM.
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JOHN L. YOUNG.....	Maine	MARQUIS F. KING.
	Maryland.....	EDWARD T. SCHULTZ.
CHARLES E. MEYER.....	Massachusetts,.....	SYLVANUS COBB, JR.
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	Missouri.....	REUBEN BARNEY, M. D.
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MICHAEL NISBET.....	Oregon.....	JAMES R. BAYLEY.
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ELLSWORTH H. HULTS.....	Rhode Island.....	SAMUEL G. STINESS,
CHARLES E. MEYER.....	South Carolina.. ..	
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GEORGE W. WOOD.....	Virginia.....	
	Washington Territory.....	LOUIS ZIEGLER.
HORACE FRITZ.....	Wisconsin	

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 GRAND CHAPTERS, ETC., IN THE UNITED STATES,
 CANADA AND GREAT BRITAIN IN CORRES-
 PONDENCE WITH THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL
 ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

	ORGANIZED,	ADDRESS OF GRAND SECRETARY.
PENNSYLVANIA.	DECEMBER 17, 1795.	CHAS. E. MEYER, PHILADELPHIA.
Alabama.	June 2, 1827, Dec. 8, 1837.	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery.
Arkansas.	April 28, 1851.	James A. Henry, Little Rock.
California.	July 27, 1854.	Thos- H. Caswell, San Francisco.
Colorado.	May 11, 1875.	Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown.
Connecticut.	March 17, 1798.	Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford.
Dakota.		
Delaware.	January 20, 1869.	H. B. McIntyre, Wilmington.
District of Columbia.	May 3, 1867.	Lewis G. Stevens, Washington.
Florida.	January 11, 1847.	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
Georgia.	February 3, 1822.	J. E. Blackshear, Macon.
Illinois.	April, 9, 1850.	Gilbert W. Barnard, Chicago.
Indiana.	December 25, 1845.	John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis.
Iowa.	June 3, 1854.	John C. Parish, Des Moines.
Kansas.	January 27, 1854.	John H. Brown, Wyandotte.
Kentucky.	December 4, 1847.	Joseph H. Branham, Louisville.
Louisiana.	March 1, 1813. May 1, 1748.	J. C. Batchelor, M.D. New Orleans.
Maine.	February 7, 1821.	Ira Berry, Portland.
Maryland.	June 24, 1797, Nov. 9, 1814.	Geo. L. McCahan, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.	June 12, 1798.	Zeph. Thomas, Cambridgeport.
Michigan.	March 9, 1848.	W. P. Innes, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.	December 17, 1859.	A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul.
Mississippi.	May 18, 1846.	J. L. Power, Jackson.
Missouri.	October 16, 1846.	Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis.
Nebraska.	March 19, 1867.	Wm. R. Bowen, Omaha.
Nevada.	November 18, 1873.	John D. Hammond, Carson.
New Hampshire.	June 10, 1819.	George P. Cleaves, Concord.
New Jersey.	November 30, 1856.	George B. Edwards, Jersey city.
New York.	March 14, 1798.	Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo.
North Carolina.	June 21, 1822, June 28, 1847.	D. W. Bain, Raleigh.
Ohio.	October 24, 1816.	James Neshitt, Troy.
Oregon.	September 18, 1860.	R. P. Earhart, Salem.
Rhode Island.	March —, 1797.	W. R. Greene, Providence.
South Carolina.	May 29, 1812.	J. E. Burke, Charleston.
Tennessee.	April 3, 1828.	John Frizzell, Nashville.
Texas.	January 22, 1850.	Robert Brewster, Houston.
Vermont.	Dec. 20, 1804, July 18, 1849.	Wm. H. S. Whitcomb, Burlington.
Virginia.	May 6, 1808.	Wm. B. Isaacs, Richmond.
West Virginia.	November 16, 1871.	Odell S. Long, Wheeling.
Washington Territory.	February 13, 1850.	Thomas M. Reed, Olympia.
Wisconsin.	June 5, 1884.	John W. Laffin, Milwaukee.
Canada.	January 20, 1857.	David McLellan, Hamilton.
Nova Scotia.	June —, 1870.	George T. Smithers, Halifax.
Quebec.	December 12, 1876.	David Seath, Montreal.
Scotland.		William Edwards, No. S. Hanover street, Edinburgh.
England.		Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Free- masons' Hall, West Queen St., London, W.
Ireland.		Samuel B. Oldham, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin.
Grand Lodge M. M. Ma- sons of Eng. and Wales		Fred. Binckes, 8a Red Lion Square, Holborn, London, W. C.

STATISTICS OF
Subordinate Chapters and Mark Lodges
 UNDER JURISDICTION OF
 GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA,
December 27th, 1885.

CHAPTERS.

Those marked * returns not received to date of printing proceedings.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER, No. 3.

Instituted 1758.

Philadelphia, Third Monday.

STANISLAUS REMAK, High Priest.

Robert Mackey, King.

Maximillian Weiss, Scribe.

Horace Fritz, Treasurer.

Dennis F. Dealy, Secretary.

5 Marked, 7 Most Excellent, 8 Exalted, 1 admitted, 0 restored,
 10 died, 1 dimitted, 10 suspended, 0 membership ceased, 0 expelled,
 0 rejected. 347 members.

PERSEVERANCE CHAPTER, No. 21.

February 12, 1827.

Harrisburg, First Monday.

WM. E. BRODBECK, High Priest.

Luther R. Kelker, King.

Michael W. Jacobs, Scribe.

William L. Gorgas, Treasurer.

Wm. H. Smith, Secretary.

4 Marked, 4 Most Excellent, 5 Exalted, 1 admitted, 0 restored,
 4 died, 0 dimitted, 6 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 119 mem-
 bers.

CHAPTER No. 43.

*February 26, 1826.**Lancaster, Fourth Wednesday.*

J. GUST ZOOK, High Priest.

Joshua L. Lyte, King.

George H. Rothermel, Scribe.

Charles A. Heinitsh, Treasurer. Hugh S. Gara, Secretary.

14 Marked, 14 Most Excellent, 15 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored,
4 died, 3 dimitted, 5 suspended, 0 expelled, 1 ceased, 2 rejected.
272 members.

HARMONY CHAPTER, No. 52.

*Instituted 1794.**Philadelphia, First Friday.*

JOSEPH BUTLER, High Priest.

William Coleman, King.

Edward G. West, Scribe.

R. Lloyd Lee, Treasurer.

John Curtis, Secretary.

42 Marked, 45 Most Excellent, 44 Exalted, 6 admitted, 0 restored,
12 died, 0 dimitted, 1 suspended, 0 expelled, 1 rejected, 0 ceased.
593 members.

COLUMBIA CHAPTER, No. 91.

*March 11, 1825.**Philadelphia, Third Wednesday.*

JAMES BLELOCH, High Priest.

George S. MacLaurin, King.

Martin H. Day, Scribe.

George W. Wood, Treasurer.

J. Alexander Simpson, Secretary.

11 Marked, 12 Most Excellent, 12 Exalted, 2 admitted, 0 restored,
12 died, 2 dimitted, 5 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 339 mem-
bers.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 150.

*June 19, 1827.**Washington, First Day.*

SHELDON B. HAYES, High Priest.

John K. McMillan, King.

Henry Schoenthass, Scribe.

F. Whittlesy, Treasurer.

George A. Carsten, Secretary.

0 Marked, 1 Most Excellent, 1 Exalted, 1 admitted, 1 restored,
2 died, 8 dimitted, 0 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected, 0 ceased.
46 members.

READING CHAPTER, No. 152.

*November 19, 1827.**Reading, Second Monday.*

WM. B. KOOSH, High Priest.

Abram Seivard, King.

George C. Wilson, Scribe.

Jesse Orr, Treasurer.

Edw. Burkholder, Secretary.

6 Marked, 6 Most Excellent, 6 Exalted, 2 admitted, 2 restored,
2 died, 0 dimitted, 10 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 membership ceased,
0 rejected. 192 members.

SCHUYLKILL CHAPTER, No. 159.

*May 17, 1838.**Minersville, Thursday on or before Full Moon.*

ROBERT F. POTTER, High Priest.

Harrison A. Kear, King.

John H. Merkel, Scribe.

Felix Schloss, Treasurer.

Henry Hammer, Secretary.

2 Marked, 2 Most Excellent, 2 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored,
1 died, 0 dimitted, 4 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected, 24 mem-
bers.

UNION CHAPTER, No. 161.

*May 19, 1845.**Towanda, Second Wednesday.*

ANDREW J. DOWD, High Priest.

Oliver E. Bennett, King.

Daniel M. Wiltcock, Scribe.

Wm. Chamberlin, Treasurer.

James H. Coddington, Secretary.

6 Marked, 6 Most Excellent, 6 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored,
0 died, 0 dimitted, 0 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 100 mem-
bers.

ZERUBBABEL CHAPTER, No. 162.

*May 18, 1846.**Pittsburgh, First Tuesday.*

DAVID R. TORRENCE, High Priest.

Theodore Havekotte, King.

Robert Lockhart, Jr., Scribe.

Benson S. Crumpton, Treas.

Wm. T. Reiter, Secretary.

14 Marked, 13 Most Excellent, 13 Exalted, 2 admitted, 0 restored,
4 died, 2 dimitted, 3 suspended, 0 expelled, 4 rejected. 392 mem-
bers.

LAFAYETTE CHAPTER, No. 163.

November 20, 1848. Lock Haven, Thursday after Full Moon.

GEORGE R. McCREA, High Priest.

John Noble, King.

Lewis M. Schuyler, Scribe.

Jacob Kamp, Treasurer.

William Henry Smith, Secretary.

2 Marked, 2 Most Excellent, 2 Exalted, 1 admitted, 0 restored, 1 died, 0 dimitted, 5 suspended, 0 expelled, 1 rejected. 107 members.

BROWNSVILLE CHAPTER, No. 164.

May 21, 1849.

Brownsville, Second Tuesday.

WM. CHATLAND, High Priest.

Robert L. Aubrey, King.

Mortica C. Mitchell, Scribe.

Thomas T. Buck, Treasurer.

Elgy Chamberlain, Secretary.

0 Marked, 0 Most Excellent, 0 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored, 0 died, 0 dimitted, 0 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 41 members.

UNION CHAPTER, No. 165.

May 21, 1849.

Uniontown, First Thursday.

SILAS M. BAILY, High Priest.

William Hunt, King.

Charles H. Rush, Scribe.

William B. McCormick, Treas.

Philip M. Hochheimer, Secretary.

2 Marked, 2 Most Excellent, 2 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored, 0 died, 2 dimitted, 0 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 34 members.

MT. MORIAH CHAPTER, No. 166.

May 21, 1849.

Hollidaysburgh, Third Tuesday.

REV. LUTHER F. SMITH, High Priest.

Andrew S. Slayer, King.

Francis J. Over, Scribe.

Alexander M. Lloyd, Treasurer.

John W. Confer, Jr., Secretary.

6 Marked, 6 Most Excellent, 6 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored, 0 died, 0 dimitted, 0 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 48 members.

EUREKA CHAPTER, No. 167.

*November 19, 1849.**Rochester, Friday after Full Moon.*

FRANK ROBINSON, High Priest.

Samuel M. Kane, King.

John H. Hoffman, Scribe.

John C. Irvin, Treasurer

Cornelius Masten, Secretary.

5 Marked, 5 Most Excellent, 4 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored,
1 died, 0 dimitted, 1 suspended, 0 expelled, 4 ceased, 0 rejected.
47 members.

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER, No. 169.

*March 18, 1850.**Philadelphia, Second Wednesday.*

ROBERT W. CHEW, High Priest.

Thomas C. Stokes, King.

Forman P. Hollingshead, Scribe.

Phineas Garrett, Treasurer.

Charles W. Nolen, Secretary.

6 Marked, 6 Most Excellent, 4 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored,
3 died, 5 dimitted, 6 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 209 mem-
bers.

DELTA CHAPTER, No. 170.

*December 27, 1851.**New Castle, First Tuesday.*

CHARLES MATTHEWS, High Priest.

John C. Wallace, King.

Robert A. Wallace, Scribe.

William D. Dickson, Treasurer. Wm. T. Butz, Secretary.

6 Marked, 6 Most Excellent, 6 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 dimitted,
0 restored, 1 died, 0 suspended, 0 rejected, 0 ceased. 74 mem-
bers.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 171.

*November 15, 1852.**Carlisle, First Thursday.*

CHARLES W. STROHM, High Priest.

Rev. Jeremiah M. Carvill, King. Edward J. Gardner, Scribe.

John Hyer, Treasurer.

John G. Bobb, Secretary.

13 Marked, 13 Most Excellent, 13 Exalted, 1 admitted, 0 restored,
0 died, 9 dimitted, 1 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 59 mem-
bers.

TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 172.

*June 15, 1853.**Tunkannock, Monday after Full Moon.*

FRANK W. DEWITT, High Priest.

Frank H. Piatt, King.

Edgar Harding, Scribe.

Henry Borham, Treasurer.

Draper Billings, Secretary.

3 Marked, 4 Most Excellent, 3 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored,
 0 died, 0 dimitted, 0 suspended, 0 ceased, 0 expelled, 0 rejected.
 44 members.

EASTON CHAPTER, No. 173.

*February 21, 1853.**Easton, Third Tuesday.*

MOSES MENLINE, High Priest.

Jacob Sandt, King.

Joseph H. Evans, Scribe.

Abraham S. Deichman, Treas.

Robert E. James, Secretary.

2 Marked, 0 Most Excellent, 2 Exalted, 0 admitted, 1 restored,
 0 died, 2 dimitted, 0 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 141 mem-
 bers.

NORTHUMBERLAND CHAPTER, No. 174.

*February 21, 1853.**Sunbury, Tuesday before Full Moon.*

PHILIP H. MOORE, High Priest.

John H. Heim, King.

William B. Stiner, Scribe.

Benj. Zettlemoyer, Treasurer,

Jacob Shipman, Secretary.

0 Marked, 0 Most Excellent, 0 Exalted. 0 admitted, 2 restored,
 0 died, 0 dimitted, 3 suspended, 0 expelled, 1 ceased, 0 rejected.
 48 members.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 175.

*May 16, 1853.**Philadelphia, Fourth Monday.*

SAMUEL H. ALLEN, High Priest.

George W. Marter, King.

Harry E. Rulin, Scribe.

Wm. T. Taylor, M.D., Treas.

Horace G. O. Ramborger, Sec'y.

5 Marked, 7 Most Excellent, 8 Exalted, 1 admitted, 0 restored,
 6 died, 1 dimitted, 6 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 ceased, 0 rejected.
 288 members.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 176.

*November 20, 1854.**Chambersburg, Third Monday.*

GEORGE BIETSCH, High Priest.

John Goetz, King.

William Snyder, Scribe.

Hastings Gehr, Treasurer.

Allan C. McGrath, Secretary.

0 Marked, 0 Most Excellent, 0 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored,
0 died, 1 dimitted, 1 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 34 mem-
bers.

TAMAQUA CHAPTER, No. 177.

*November 20, 1854.**Tamaqua, Friday after Full Moon.*

RICHARD BOYD, High Priest.

Joseph E. Hess, King.

John T. Williams, Scribe.

Emanuel J. Fry, Treasurer.

Wm. Priser, Secretary.

6 Marked, 5 Most Excellent, 5 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored,
0 died, 1 dimitted, 0 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 55 mem-
bers.

CATAWISSA CHAPTER, No. 178.

February 19, 1855. Catawissa, Wednesday on or before Full Moon.

LUTHER B. KLINE, High Priest.

William Stocker, King.

Ambrose H. Sharpless, Scribe.

Solomon D. Rinard, Treasurer.

Jacob H. Vastine, Secertary.

0 Marked, 0 Most Excellent, 0 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored,
0 died, 1 dimitted, 0 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 20 mem-
bers.

EUREKA CHAPTER, No. 179.

*February 19, 1855.**Carbondale, Last Friday.*

JOHN W. DIMOCK, High Priest.

Gustavus F. Swigert, King.

John M. Stewart, Scribe.

Joseph Birkett, Treasurer.

Wm. R. Baker, Secretary.

0 marked, 0 Most Excellent, 0 exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored,
0 died, 1 dimitted, 4 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 70 mem-
bers.

WARREN CHAPTER, No. 180.

March 20, 1854. Montrose, Thursday on or before Full Moon.

JAMES F. ZERFASS, High Priest.

Charles H. Smith, King. Freeman G. Lott, Scribe.

Wm. W. Smith, Treasurer. Wm. L. Cox, Secretary.

0 Marked, 0 Most Excellent, 0 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored,
1 dimitted, 0 died, 1 ceased, 0 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected.
40 members.

LILLY CHAPTER, No. 181.

May 21, 1885. Mauch Chunk, Fourth Tuesday.

WILLIAM W. WEAVER, High Priest.

Wm. A. Leisenring, King. Herman Stoll, Scribe.

James I. Blakslee, Treasurer. Laird H. Barber, Secretary.

17 Marked, 17 Most Excellent, 17 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 re-
sorted, 0 died, 0 dimitted, 1 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected.
109 members.

SHEKINAH CHAPTER, No. 182.

November 19, 1855. Wilkesbarre, Third Tuesday.

FRANCIS DUNSMORE, High Priest.

Henry C. Reichard, King. Stewart L. Barnes, Scribe.

Stephen B. Vaughn. Treasurer. Alexander E. Umlack, Secretary.

6 Marked, 7 Most Excellent, 6 Exalted, 2 admitted, 0 restored,
2 died, 1 dimitted, 0 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 50 mem-
bers.

ORIENTAL CHAPTER, No. 183.

February 18, 1856. Philadelphia, Third Tuesday.

MICHAEL ARNOLD, High Priest.

Frank M. Highley, King. William D. Wetherell, Scribe.

Michael Nisbet, Treasurer. Jacob F. Stahl, Secretary.

32 Marked, 54 Most Excellent, 37 Exalted, 3 admitted, 1 restored,
12 died, 2 dimitted, 14 suspended, 0 expelled, 1 rejected. 712
members.

LACKAWANNA CHAPTER, No. 185.

*March 12, 1856.**Scranton, Second Tuesday.*

JOHN S. FERGUSON, High Priest.

Edgar T. Wheaton, King.

Charles Arthur, Scribe.

James Ruthven, Treasurer.

Clarence L. VanBuskirk, Sec'y.

6 Marked, 6 Most Excellent, 6 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored,
0 died, 0 dimitted, 6 suspended, 9 expelled, 0 rejected. 99 mem-
bers.

LEWISTOWN CHAPTER, No. 186.

*May 19 1856.**Lewistown, Third Tuesday and December 27.*

LANDON C. HESKITT, JR., High Priest.

William Irwin, King.

Thomas D. Parker, Scribe.

David E. Robeson, Treasurer.

Robert H. Junkin, Secretary.

0 Marked, 0 Most Excellent, 0 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored,
1 died, 0 dimitted, 0 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 63 mem-
bers.

ORIENTAL CHAPTER, No. 187.

*July 8, 1856.**Conneautville, Third Friday.*

JACOB ROLAND. High Priest.

James G. Leffingwell, King.

Frank R. Nichols, Scribe.

John W. Crider, Treasurer.

Edwin L. Litchfield, Secretary.

0 Marked, 0 Most Excellent, 0 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored,
0 died, 1 dimitted, 4 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 25 mem-
bers.

MOUNTAIN CHAPTER No. 189.

*August 16, 1858.**Altoona, First Thursday.*

WM. H. MURRAY, JR., High Priest.

Benjamin Johnston, King.

Charles T. Wilherun, Scribe.

Theodore H. Wigton, Treasurer. Alfred H. Slayman Secretary.

8 Marked, 8 Most Excellent, 8 Exalted, 2 admitted, 0 restored,
0 died, 0 dimitted, 1 suspended, 0 expelled, 3 rejected. 110 mem-
bers.

NORRISTOWN CHAPTER, No. 190.

*December 27, 1858.**Norristown, Second Monday.*

ROBERT WILSON PERRY, High Priest.

Joseph R. Ebert, King.

Samuel D. Crawford, Scribe.

Joseph Shaw, Treasurer.

Charles Major, Secretary.

5 Marked, 5 Most Excellent, 5 Exalted, 1 admitted, 0 restored, 8 died, 1 dimitted, 1 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 170 members.

SOLOMON CHAPTER, No. 191.

*December 27, 1858.**Meadville, First Tuesday.*

DANIEL G. SHRYOCK, High Priest.

David C. Dunn, King.

Alfred G. Church, Scribe.

Norman C. McLaughlin, Treas. Henry Church, Secretary.

1 Marked, 0 Most Excellent, 0 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored, 0 died, 2 dimitted, 2 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejectad. 72 members.

URANIA CHAPTER, No. 192.

*February 21, 1859.**Greensburg, Thursday after third Tuesday.*

JAMES B. LAUX, High Priest.

John M. Peoples, King.

Hillery S. Brunot, Scribe.

Zach. P. Bierer, Treasurer.

Jeffry W. Taylor, Secretary.

2 Marked, 2 Most Excellent, 2 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored, 2 died, 0 dimitted, 0 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 124 members.

DUQUESNE CHAPTER, No. 193.

*August 15, 1859.**Pittsburgh, Fourth Thursday.*

WM. C. WRIGHT, High Priest.

Richard W. Thompson, King.

James A. Libby, Scribe.

George Glass, Treasurer.

Joseph S. Brown, Secretary.

6 Marked, 6 Most Excellent, 5 Exalted, 0 admitted, 1 restored, 0 died, 1 dimitted, 2 ceased, 4 suspended 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 342 members.

TIOGA CHAPTER, No. 194.

August 15, 1859. Wellsboro, Thursday on or before Full Moon.

HENRY W. WILLIAMS, High Priest.

Ezra B. Young, King. Aaron R. Niles, Scribe.
William Roberts, Treasurer. Max Bernkopf, Secretary.

2 Marked, 2 Most Excellent, 4 Exalted, 0 admitted, 1 restored,
0 died, 0 dimitted, 1 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 20 mem-
bers.

PORTAGE CHAPTER, No. 195.

November 21, 1859. Johnstown Fourth Tuesday.

JOHN W. WONDERS, High Priest.

Wm. H. Rosensteel, Jr., King. Edward Thomas, Scribe.
John H. Dibert, Treasurer. Benjamin F. Speedy, Secretary.

6 Marked, 6 Most Excellent, 6 Exalted, 1 admitted, 0 restored,
0 died, 0 dimitted, 0 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 87 mem-
bers.

MOUNTAIN CITY CHAPTER, No. 196,

November 21, 1859. Pottsville, Monday after Full Moon.

STEPHEN A. THURLOW, High Priest.

Albert Robinson, King. Clayton H. Reist, Scribe.
Daniel D. Moreton, Treasurer. Jeremiah J. Cake, Secretary.

10 Marked, 7 Most Excellent, 7 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored,
1 died, 0 dimitted, 0 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 97 mem-
bers.

WEIDLE CHAPTER, No. 197.

May 21, 1860. Lebanon, Second Tuesday.

JOHN K. RAUDENBUSH, High Priest.

Joseph Krause, King. John C. Deppen, Scribe.
Joseph L. Lemberger, Treas. Wm. G. Ward, Secretary.

0 Marked, 0 Most Excellent, 3 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored,
0 died, 3 dimitted, 5 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 63 mem-
bers

PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 198.

February 18, 1861. Phoenixville, Saturday on or after Full Moon.

SAMUEL R. MARCH, High Priest.

Wm. L. Kennedy, King. Jonathan Nichols, D.D., Scribe.
Addison S. Vanderslice, Treas. Edward T. Plush, Secretary.

11 Marked, 12 Most Excellent, 12 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored, 1 died, 0 dimitted, 2 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 114 members.

HOWELL CHAPTER, No. 199.

May 16, 1864. York, First Wednesday after first Monday.

JAMES H. RAU, High Priest.

Isaac A. Elliott, King. Charles Bowman, Scribe.
Samuel I Adams, Treasurer. Thomas Wood, Secretary.

7 Marked, 7 Most Excellent, 7 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored, 0 died, 3 dimitted, 0 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 97 members.

COLUMBUS CHAPTER, No. 200.

November 20, 1865. Corry, Wednesday on or before Full Moon.

JEROME B. DAVIS, High Priest.

R. Nell Seaver, King. Scribe.
Clarence G. Harmon, Treas. Orlando P. Eaton, Secretary.

3 Marked, 4 Most Excellent, 4 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored, 0 died, 9 dimitted, 9 suspended, 0 expelled, 1 rejected. 63 members.

* STANDING STONE CHAPTER, No. 201.

November 20, 1865. Huntington, First Tuesday.

S. CLOYD SEIBERT, High Priest.

John White, Jr., King. B. Frank Isenberg, Scribe.
Wm. B. Zeigler, Treasurer. Martin L. Shaffer, Secretary.

4 Marked, 4 Most Excellent, 4 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored, 0 died, 0 dimitted, 1 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 44 members.

* HOWELL CHAPTER, No. 202.

March 16, 1866. West Chester, First Monday after Full Moon.

CHARLES B. LEAR, High Priest.

Abraham Wanger, King. Hannum Baldwin, Scribe.
Norris T. Smith, Treasurer. Wm. D. Christman, Secretary.

0 Marked, 0 Most Excellent, 0 Exalted, 1 admitted, 1 restored,
1 died, 0 dimitted, 0 suspended, 0 expelled, 0 rejected. 47 mem-
bers.

ALLEN CHAPTER, No. 203.

March 16, 1866. Allentown, Monday on or before Full Moon.

JOHN B. DAVIS, High Priest.

Phaon H. Stettler, King. Daniel B. Walker, Scribe.
Russell A. Thayer, Treasurer. Benjamin F. Abbott, Secretary.

12 Marked, 12 Most Excellent, 18 Exalted, 0 restored, 2 died,
0 dimitted, 1 suspended, 6 rejected. 130 members.

ANTHONY WAYNE CHAPTER, No. 204.

March 16, 1866. Honesdale, Tuesday on or after Full Moon.

HENRY G. KEEFER, High Priest.

John Bone, King. Henry Ball, Scribe.
Henry J. Tarble, Treasurer. Samuel K. Dodge, Secretary.

5 Marked, 4 Most Excellent, 4 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 died,
1 admitted, 1 ceased, 0 suspended. 34 members.

* FACTORYVILLE CHAPTER, No. 205.

March 16, 1866. Factoryville, Wednesday on or before Full Moon.

CALVIN L. BRIGGS, High Priest.

William A. Wilcox, King. Andrew M. Dershimer, Scribe.
Giles S. Wilson, Treasurer. Willander A. Dean, Secretary.

7 Marked, 7 Most Excellent, 6 Exalted. 19 members.

* HARMONY CHAPTER, No. 206.

*March 16. 1866.**Beaver Falls, First Thursday.*

JAMES M. MAY, High Priest.

John P. Sherwood, King.

George W. Coates, Scribe.

William H. Elverson, Treasurer. Albert D. Long, Secretary.

3 Marked, 3 Most Excellent, 0 Exalted, 0 admitted, 1 died, 2
suspended. 32 members.

* AARON CHAPTER, No. 207.

*May 3 1866.**Titusville, Third Monday.*

BURTON F. EDWARDS, High Priest.

Walter S. Payne, King.

Isaac L. Shank, Scribe.

Jacob Strauss, Treasurer.

Smith C. Roof, Secretary.

2 Marked, 0 admitted, 1 restored, 2 dimitted, 8 suspended. 69
members.

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GERMANTOWN CHAPTER, No. 208*May 21, 1866.**Germantown, Third Monday.*

ELMER E. SCATCHARD, High Priest.

William W. Patton, King.

Thomas Flavelle, Scribe.

George Scatchard, Treasurer.

Edwin R. Stevens, Secretary.

5 Marked, 5 Most Excellent, 5 Exalted, 1 admitted, 2 deceased,
0 suspended, 1 ceased, 1 restored. 96 members.

SAMUEL C PERKINS CHAPTER, No. 209.

*May 21, 1866.**Mechanicsburg, Second Monday.*

JOSIAH P. WILBER, High Priest.

J. Morris Miller, King.

Robert H. Thomas Jr., Scribe.

E. Ranken Huston, Treasurer.

George Robb, Secretary.

0 Marked, 0 Most Excellent, 0 Exalted, 1 died, 1 dimitted. 33
members.

GREAT BEND CHAPTER, No. 210.

May 21, 1866. Great Bend, Thursday on or before Full Moon.

WILLIAM J. DAY, High Priest.

John W. Dusenbury, King.	Benjamin F. McCune, Scribe.
John W. Larrabee, Treas.	John H. Dusenbury, Secretary.

10 Marked, 10 Most Excellent, 10 Exalted, 7 admitted, 2 deceased, 2 resigned, 0 suspended. 54 members.

* VENANGO CHAPTER, No. 211.

August 28, 1866. Franklin, Second Thursday.

High Priest.

King.	Scribe.
Treasurer.	Richard W. Redfield, Secretary.

64 members.

MOUND CHAPTER, No. 212.

August 28, 1866. Greenville, Fourth Monday.

ALFRED F. HENLINE, High Priest.

Calvin R. Beatty, King.	Joseph P. Dickey, Scribe.
Fayette Herrick, Treasurer.	Henry H. Lininger, Secretary.

4 Marked, 4 Most Excellent, 4 Exalted, 0 resigned, 2 suspended. 60 members.

VALLEY CHAPTER, No. 214.

May 21, 1867. Plymouth, Friday on or before Full Moon.

LYMAN R. MINNICK, High Priest.

Andrew F. Harrison, King.	Daniel K. Spry, Scribe.
Samuel L. French, Treasurer.	John R. Lee, Secretary.

0 Marked, 6 Most Excellent, 0 Exalted, 1 died, 2 dimitted. 38 members.

TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 215.

*July 10, 1867.**Erie, Second Friday.*

HENRY W. DEWITT, High Priest.

Homer M. Hill, King.

Peter Barkey, Scribe.

Herman T. Jarecki, Treasurer.

Harold L. Hoskinson, Secretary.

11 Marked, 15 Most Excellent, 13 Exalted, 4 admitted, 2 deceased. 145 members.

ZINZENDORF CHAPTER, No. 216.

*December 13, 1867.**Bethlehem, Second Monday.*

WILLIAM S. WINTERSTEEN, High Priest.

Joseph A. Weaver, King.

Henry A. Krause, Scribe.

Bernhard E. Lehman Treasurer.

Matthew J. Schmid, Secretary.

5 Marked, 5 Most Excellent, 5 Exalted, 1 admitted, 2 deceased, 1 dimitted, 1 suspended, 1 restored. 57 members.

ALLEGHENY CHAPTER, No. 217.

*February 6, 1868.**Allegheny City, First Friday.*

JOHN MCCALLEN, High Priest.

Stephen M. Reynolds, King.

George M. Gray, Scribe.

Nathan Graham, Treasurer.

Adolphe H. Böcking, Secretary.

6 Marked, 6 Most Excellent, 7 Exalted, 4 admitted, 0 restored, 3 died, 3 dimitted, 13 suspended, 1 rejected. 240 members.

BLOOMSBURG CHAPTER, No. 218.

*May 19, 1868.**Bloomsburg, First Wednesday.*

JOHN APPLEMAN, High Priest.

Albert G. Briggs, King.

Jacob H. Maize, Scribe.

Jeremiah J. Brower, Treasurer.

Christian F. Knapp, Secretary.

2 Marked, 2 Most Excellent, 2 Exalted, 1 died. 44 members.

GRISCOM CHAPTER, No. 219.

*May 19, 1868.**Ashland, Third Thursday.*

EMIL CHARLES WAGNER, High Priest.

David S. Marshall, M. D., King. John C. Thompson, Scribe.

J. Frederick Miller, Treasurer. George H. Helfrich, Secretary.

3 Marked, 3 Most Excellent, 3 Exalted, 0 died, 1 admitted, 1 dismissed, 1 suspended. 38 members.

FORT WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 220.

*August 7, 1868.**Fort Washington, Thursday before Full Moon.*

HARRY S. SECHLER, High Priest.

Edward H. Faust, King.

George W. Hellings Scribe.

Henry Unger, Treasurer.

Louis S. Whitcomb, Secretary.

0 Marked, 0 Most Excellent, 0 Exalted, 0 died. 34 members.

TREMONT CHAPTER, No. 221.

*January 27, 1869.**Tremont, Monday after Full Moon.*

JOHN P. S. GOBIN, High Priest.

William W. Stewart, King.

Englebert A. Sauner, Scribe.

Calvin C. Brower, Treasurer.

Benjamin Kaufman, Secretary.

5 Marked, 5 Most Excellent, 5 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored, 0 died, 0 suspended, 0 rejected. 55 members.

LYCOMING CHAPTER, No. 222.

*January 27, 1869.**Williamsport, Second Tuesday.*

DANIEL B. ELSE P. H. P. High Priest.

Wm. Lundy Parker, P.H.P., King. Charles V. Runkle, Scribe.

Adolph Niemeyer, Treasurer. William R. Prior, Secretary.

2 Marked, 4 Most Excellent, 4 Exalted, 1 admitted, 2 died, 0 dismissed, 2 suspended. 110 members.

OXFORD CHAPTER, No. 223.

*May 19, 1870.**Oxford, Wednesday after Full Moon.*

J. THORNTON FOX, High Priest.

Henry D. Hodgson, King.

James Black, Scribe.

Alex. H. Ingram, Treasurer.

Eli McKissick, Secretary.

40 members.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 224.

*May 19, 1870.**Columbia, Second Tuesday.*

CHRISTIAN S. KAUFFMANN, High Priest.

William B. Brown, King.

Washington Righter, Scribe.

Charles H. Pfahler, Treas.

Andrew J. Kauffman, Secretary.

5 Marked, 5 Most Excellent, 5 Exalted, 2 admitted, 0 restored,
0 died, 0 dimitted, 2 suspended, 1 rejected. 76 members.

JEFFERSON CHAPTER, No. 225.

*August 5, 1869.**Brookville, First Monday.*

JOHN J. PATTERSON, High Priest.

Abraham F. Balmer, M. D. King. Tilton C. Reynolds, Scribe.

James K. Hamilton, Treasurer. Williamson D. J. Marlin Sec'y.

2 Marked, 2 Most Excellent, 2 Exalted, 0 admitted, 1 restored,
2 died, 0 suspended. 40 members.

SILOAM CHAPTER, No. 226.

*November 29, 1869.**Frankford, Third Wednesday.*

HARRY R. GLENN, High Priest.

S. Everett Pendlebury, King.

Alfred Broadhead, Scribe.

Matthias Coates, Treasurer.

Thaddeus Stearne, Secretary.

4 Marked, 4 Most Excellent, 4 Exalted, 0 admitted, 2 died,
4 suspended. 128 members.

EMPORIUM CHAPTER, No. 227.

*June 20, 1870.**Emporium, First and Third Wednesday.*

HIRAM JACOB SMITH, High Priest.

Clark Herrington, King.

Charles G. Jones, Scribe.

Leonard Taggart, Treasurer.

Austin H. Boynton, Secretary.

38 members.

CLEARFIELD CHAPTER, No. 228.

June 20, 1870. Clearfield, Second Monday after Full Moon.

ALEXANDER E. PATTON, High Priest.

John R. Fee, King. William C. Langsford, Scribe.
Daniel W. McCurdy, Treasurer. Asbury W. Lee, Secretary.

7 Marked, 7 Most Excellent, 7 Exalted, 0 admitted, 2 died,
0 dimitted, 0 suspended, 0 rejected. 54 members.

NEWTOWN CHAPTER, No. 229.

June 20, 1870. Newtown, Wednesday after Full Moon.

THOMAS C. KNOWLES, High Priest.

Ephraim P. Feaster, King. Jonathan V. Lovett, Scribe.
William K. Carver, Treasurer. I. Wilson Merrick, Secretary.

0 Marked, 0 Most Excellent, 0 Exalted, 0 died, 0 suspended.
38 members.

ELK CHAPTER, No. 230.

July 18, 1870. Ridgway, Third Tuesday.

DANIEL D. COOK, High Priest.

Wilbur F. Mercer, King. J. Myston Schram, Scribe.
Byron F. Ely, Treasurer. William C. Healy, Secretary.

2 Marked, 2 Most Excellent, 2 Exalted, 8 suspended. 27 mem-
bers.

ST. JOHN CHAPTER, No. 232.

January 13, 1871. Philadelphia, First Tuesday.

ALPHEUS M. WALKER, High Priest.

Thomas C. Warwick, King. John McFarland, Scribe.
John W. Koons, Treasurer. William F. Tracy, Secretary.

1 Marked, 1 Most Excellent, 1 Exalted, 5 admitted, 2 died, 0 sus-
pended, 0 expelled. 226 members.

KENSINGTON CHAPTER, No. 233.

*Jan. 13, 1871. Kensington Masonic Hall, 130 & 132 Richmond St.,
Philadelphia, Fourth Monday.*

WM. LINDENFELSER, High Priest.

Wm. C. Mackinney, King.	Joseph W. Myers, Scribe.
Thomas H. Gill, Treasurer.	Charles K. Neisser, Secretary.

31 Marked, 31 Most Excellent, 32 Exalted, 0 admitted, 6 died,
0 dimitted, 4 suspended, 1 rejected. 394 members.

MEDIA CHAPTER, No. 234.

February 17, 1871. Media, Monday after Full Moon.

HORACE P. GREEN, High Priest.

Andrew G. C. Smith, King.	Conrad K. Dalby, Scribe.
Wardle Ellis, Treasurer.	Wm. Campbell, Secretary.

2 Marked, 1 Most Excellent, 0 Exalted, 0 died, 0 dimitted, 6 suspended. 36 members.

OCCIDENTAL CHAPTER, No. 235.

August 17, 1871. Warren, Second Monday.

JOSEPH WALKERMAN, High Priest.

Nelson Moore, King.	Willis M. Baker, Scribe.
Andrew Hertzell, Treasurer.	Robert W. Teese, Secretary.

27 Marked, 26 Most Excellent, 26 Exalted, 2 admitted, 1 died
0 dimitted. 83 members.

OIL CITY CHAPTER, No. 236.

November 9, 1871. Oil City, Third Thursday.

ANDREW W. COX, P. H. P., High Priest.

John N. McGonigle, King.	Horatio N. Arnold, Scribe.
Thomas R. Cowell, Treasurer.	Henry C. Goldsborough, Sec'y.

4 Marked, 4 Most Excellent, 4 Exalted, 0 admitted, 1 died, 2 dimitted, 5 suspended. 56 members.

EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, No. 237.

*November 9, 1871.**Reading, First Thursday.*

JUSTUS W. JOST, High Priest.

John B. Renninger, King.

Fred. W. Henke, Scribe.

George E. Haak, Treasurer.

Thomas E. Weber, Secretary.

12 Marked, 12 Most Excellent, 12 Exalted, 0 admitted, 1 died,
0 dimitted, 3 suspended, 2 rejected. 214 members.

NEWPORT CHAPTER, No. 238.

*August 28, 1872.**Newport, Monday after Full Moon.*

ISAAC N. GRUBB, High Priest.

A. Fred. Keim, King.

Joshua S. Leiby, Scribe.

Wm. H. Bosserman, Treasurer.

John P. Clark, Secretary.

1 Marked, 1 Most Excellent, 1 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 died. 38
members.

DANVILLE CHAPTER, No. 239.

*September, 1872.**Danville, Third Monday.*

JOHN W. FARNSWORTH, High Priest.

Adolph Steinbrenner, King.

David Ruckel, Scribe.

David Clark, Treasurer.

Alex. J. Frick, Secretary.

0 Marked, 0 Most Excellent, 0 Exalted, 0 died, 0 dimitted, 2 sus-
pended. 45 members.

PALESTINE CHAPTER, No. 240.

*May 28, 1872.**Philadelphia Second Friday*

EDWARD R. MARSH, High Priest.

Joseph R. Lonabaugh, King.

Willam C. Roth, Scribe.

Wm. E. Krewson, Treasurer.

Charles Mathews, Jr., Secretary.

11 Marked, 11 Most Excellent, 14 Exalted, 0 admitted, 4 died,
0 dimitted, 7 suspended. 205 members.

BELLEFONTE CHAPTER, No. 241.

*May 29, 1872.**Bellefonte, First Friday.*

FRANK P. BLAIR, High Priest.

Isaac N. Gordon, King.

James L. Seibert, M. D. Scribe.

John P. Harris, Treasurer.

George B. Weaver, Secretary.

6 Marked, 5 Most Excellent, 7 Exalted, 1 dimitted, 1 ceased,
0 suspended. 57 members.

PITTSTON CHAPTER, No. 242.

*February 18, 1873.**Pittston, Luzerne Co., Last Thursday.*

CHARLES E. HOWITZ, High Priest.

John Muirhead, King.

William L. McDougall, Scribe.

Thomas E. Grier, Treasurer.

Thomas W. Kyte, Secretary.

2 Marked, 2 Most Excellent, 2 Exalted, 0 admitted, 2 dimitted,
1 ceased, 0 suspended, 1 rejected. 44 members.

TRISTRAM B. FREEMAN CHAPTER, No. 243.

*March 31, 1873.**Philadelphia, First Friday.*

WILLIAM JONES, High Priest.

Arthur A. Muth, King.

William A. Foster, Scribe.

Wm. T. Benner, Treasurer.

George M. D. Apple, Secretary.

37 Marked, 39 Most Excellent, 37 Exalted, 0 admitted, 5 died,
0 dimitted, 3 suspended, 0 rejected. 285 members.

NORMAN CHAPTER, No. 244.

*May 12, 1873.**Sharon, Mercer Co., Second Friday.*

MICHAEL ZAHNISER, High Priest.

Edwin N. Ohl, King.

George L. Williams, Scribe.

Matt. H. Henderson, P. H. P. Treas. John Murchie, Secretary.

7 Marked, 7 Most Excellent, 7 Exalted, 0 admitted, 1 dimitted,
0 suspended. 79 members.

ABINGTON CHAPTER, No. 245.

November 28, 1873. Jenkintown, Tuesday after Full Moon.

CHARLES P. SUMMERS, High Priest.

Edward Bright, King.	J. Howard Danenhower, Scribe.
William Elliott, Treasurer.	Joseph W. Hunter, Secretary

32 members.

WARRIOR RUN CHAPTER, No. 246.

June 23, 1874. Watontown, Wednesday after Full Moon.

JAMES M. RHOADS, High Priest.

Thomas L. Wilson, King.	Fred. A. Reen, Scribe.
Frederick H. Knight, Treas.	Robert Buck, Secretary.

5 Marked, 5 Most Excellent, 5 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored,
1 ceased, 5 suspended, 1 expelled. 55 members.

ORIENT CHAPTER, No. 247.

June 11, 1874. Kittanning, Second Monday.

CHARLES J. JESSOP, High Priest.

Henry M. Keller, King.	Robert D. Laughlin, Scribe.
Harry A. Arnold, Treasurer.	George T. Crawford, Secretary.

4 Marked, 4 Most Excellent, 4 Exalted, 1 admitted, 0 restored,
0 died, 0 dimitted, 6 suspended, 1 rejected. 64 members.

TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 248.

June 30, 1874. Philadelphia, Third Tuesday.

JACOB BECK, High Priest.

Samuel S. Talbot, King.	Joseph S. Miller, Scribe.
Joseph S. Wright, Treasurer.	Elvin Klautsheck, Secretary.

1 Marked, 1 Most Excellent, 1 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored,
3 died, 0 dimitted, 4 suspended. 156 members.

MONONGAHELA CHAPTER, No. 249.

August 25, 1874. Monongahela City, Thursday after Full Moon.

WM. H. ARISON, High Priest.

R. Stuart D. Hartrick, King. Henry Landefield, Scribe.

James Dickey, Treasurer. Charles H. Hoffmann, Secretary.

0 Marked, 0 Most Excellent, 0 Exalted, 2 suspended, 1 dimitted, 33 members.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 250.

September 18, 1874.

Philadelphia, First Monday.

CHARLES C. BANKS, High Priest.

William W. Mayberry, King. George W. Ward, M.D., Scribe.

Arnold M. Davis, Treasurer. James McCormick, Secretary.

11 Marked, 11 Most Excellent, 11 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 died, 4 dimitted, 3 suspendad. 194 members.

SIGNET CHAPTER, No. 251.

September 22, 1874.

Philadelphia, Third Wednesday.

HENRY J. MCCARTHY, High Priest.

Wm. Harry Stirling, King. William H. Cresson, Scribe.

Thomas W. Ayers, Treasurer. Oscar R. Meyers, Secretary.

8 Marked, 8 Most Excellent, 8 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored, 1 suspended, 2 died, 4 dimitted. 121 members.

MIZPAH CHAPTER, No. 252.

February 11, 1875.

Mahanoy City, Thursday after Full Moon.

MOSES WEINBERG, High Priest.

Ebenezer Morris, King. Augustus Weber Scribe.

William L. Yoder, Treasurer. Phaon Hermany, Secretary.

2 Marked, 3 Most Excellent, 1 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored, 0 rejected. 41 members.

* ARNOLD CHAPTER, No. 254.

May 17, 1877. Port Allegany, McKean Co., Second Tuesday.

High Priest.

King.

Scribe.

Treasurer.

Ole L. Snyder, Secretary.

33 members.

BEDFORD CHAPTER, No. 255.

Sept. 28, 1876. Bedford, Third Wednesday on or before Full Moon.

DANIEL C. BURNS, High Priest.

Robert L. Holliday, King.

William M. Souder, Scribe.

John W. Lingenfelter, Treas.

Rev. Charles E. Stock, Secretary.

4 Marked, 4 Most Excellent, 4 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored,
2 dimitted, 3 suspended. 39 members.

FERNWOOD CHAPTER, No. 256.

Jan. 15, 1877. Fernwood, Del. Co., Wednesday on or after Full Moon.

JOHN MILTON LUTZ, High Priest.

Oliver B. Moss, King.

Peter Wigo, Scribe.

James D. Mitchell, Treasurer,

Alfred C. Neall, Secretary.

2 Marked, 2 Most Excellent, 2 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 restored,
1 died, 1 suspended. 70 members.

SHILOH CHAPTER, No. 257.

January 15, 1877.

Pittsburgh, Third Monday.

ARTHUR H. SHOLES, High Priest.

William S. Brown, King.

Henry C. Shallenberger, Scribe.

Joseph Eichbaum, Treasurer.

George W. Robitzer, Secretary.

18 Marked, 18 Most Excellent, 18 Exalted, 2 admitted, 0 restored,
2 died, 0 dimitted, 1 suspended 151 members.

CHESTER CHAPTER, No. 258.

*November 26, 1877.**Chester, Delaware Co., Last Monday.*

THOMAS LEES, High Priest.

William B. Broomall, King.

Thomas B. Robinson, Scribe.

William Taylor, Treasurer.

Theodore W. Stone, Secretary.

3 Marked, 3 Most Excellent, 3 Exalted, 2 died, 1 suspended.
96 members.

EDEN CHAPTER, No. 259.

*February 25, 1878.**Edenburg, Clarion Co., Second Tuesday.*

JOHN D. CUFFMAN, High Priest.

Thomas C. McMaster, King.

Benton A. Kribbs, Scribe.

Josiah Dobson, Treasurer.

Joseph B. Painter, Secretary.

2 Marked, 2 Most Excellent, 2 Exalted, 1 dimitted, 0 suspended.
34 members.

BRADFORD CHAPTER, No. 260.

*September 6, 1880.**Bradford, McKean Co., Third Thursday.*

PHILIP M. SHANNON, High Priest.

Elias Urquhart, King,

Francis W. Sprague, Scribe.

Charles L. Wheeler, Treasurer.

Edmund F. Sawyer, Secretary.

13 Marked, 13 Most Excellent, 13 Exalted, 3 admitted, 1 died,
1 dimitted, 3 suspended, 2 rejected. 178 members.

TROY CHAPTER, No. 261.

May 18, 1882. Troy, Bradford Co., Thursday on or before Full Moon.

JOHN P. FLETCHER, High Priest.

Liston Bliss, King.

John E. Dobbins, Scribe.

George Dillin, Treasurer.

Robert C. Kendall, Secretary.

7 Marked, 8 Most Excellent, 8 Exalted, 1 dimitted, 0 died.
71 members.

MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, No. 262.

June 23, 1882. Ardmore, Mont. Co., Thursday after Full Moon.

GEORGE G. LENNIG, High Priest.

Isaac A. Cleaver, King. Samuel F. Stadelman, Scribe.

W. Henry Sutton, Treasurer. Thomas McCully, Secretary.

4 Marked, 3 Most Excellent, 3 Exalted. 48 members.

COUDERSPORT CHAPTER, No. 263.

October 17, 1882. Coudersport, Potter Co., First Wednesday.

CHARLES A. STEBBINS, High Priest.

Willis I. Lewis, King. James L. Knox, Scribe.

Wm. Jackson Brown, Treasurer. William K. Jones, Secretary.

0 Marked, 0 Most Excellent, 1 Exalted, 0 admitted, 0 dimitted.
33 members.

SHAMOKIN CHAPTER, No. 264.

June 11, 1883. Shamokin, Wednesday before Full Moon.

WM. C. McCONNELL, High Priest.

Hezekiah Floyd, King. George R. Fagely, Scribe.

Darlington R. Kulp, Treasurer. John B. Savidge, Secretary.

3 Marked, 4 Most Excellent, 3 Exalted, 1 died, 0 dimitted. 35
members.

WESTFIELD CHAPTER, No. 265.

December 18, 1883. Westfield, Tioga Co., First Friday.

ELIJAH H. THOMPSON, High Priest.

Niles W. McNaughton, King. Edson G. Davidge, Scribe.

Lovel Plank, Treasurer. James Masten, M. D., Secretary.

4 Marked, 4 Most Excellent, 4 Exalted, 1 rejected. 29 mem-
bers.

MARK LODGES.

COLUMBIA MARK LODGE, No. 91.

March 11, 1825.

Philadelphia, Second Monday.

EDWARD G. WEST, Worshipful Master.

Joseph Orr, Sr. Warden.

John Mariner, Jr. Warden.

Franklin Garrigues, Treasurer.

James Bleloch, Secretary.

1 admitted, 2 Marked, 14 died, 2 suspended. 514 members.

GIRARD MARK LODGE, No. 214.

May 17, 1847.

Philadelphia, Second Tuesday.

EDWARD MASSON, Worshipful Master.

John McFarland, Sr. Warden.

Harry E. Rulon, Jr. Warden.

George W. Wood, Treasurer.

Thomas S. Woodbury, Secretary.

4 admitted, 3 restored, 14 died, 2 dimitted, 5 suspended. 559 members.

EXCELSIOR MARK LODGE, No. 216.

February 20, 1854.

Philadelphia, Third Tuesday.

ROBERT WILSON, Worshipful Master.

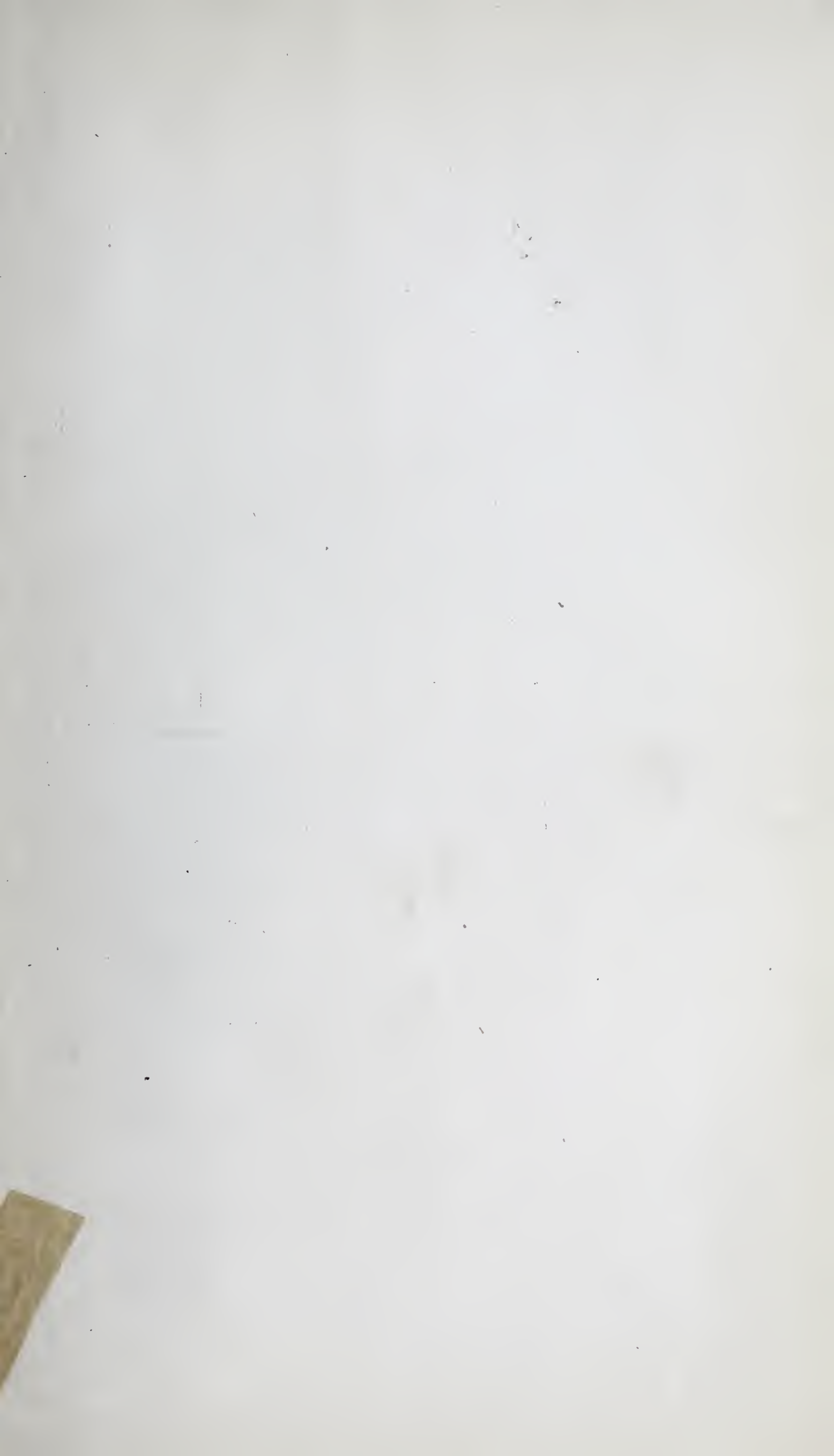
A. R. Underdown,, Sr. Warden.

Charles E. Meyer, Jr. Warden.

Thomas R. Patton, Treasurer.

Samuel W. Wray, Secretary

4 died. 446 members.



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